

YOUTH OF 17 + CAN ENROL ON VOTERS LIST

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Goa has informed that the Election Commission has provided more Opportunities for youth to become part of voters list 17+ year old youngsters can now apply in advance for having their names enrolled in Voter's list and not necessarily have to await the pre-requisite criterion of attaining age of 18 years on 1st January of a year.

ECI led by Chief Election Commissioner Shri Rajiv Kumar and Election Commissioner Shri Anup Chandra Pandey have directed the CEOs/EROs/AEROs of all States to work out tech-enabled solutions such that the youth are facilitated to file their advance applications with reference to three subsequent qualifying dates i.e. 01st April, 01st July and 01st October and not just 1st January. Henceforth, the Electoral Roll will be updated every quarter and eligible youngsters can be registered in the next quarter of the year in which he/she has attained the qualifying age of 18 years. After getting registered, he/she will be issued an Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC). For the current round of annual revision of electoral roll, 2023, any citizen attaining the age of 18 years by [April 1](#), [July 1](#) and [October 1](#) of 2023 can also submit an advance application for registration as a voter from the date of draft publication of electoral roll. In other words, an advance application can be submitted on or after 9th November, 2022 the date on which the draft electoral roll will be published. The application received related to qualifying dates 1st January will be processed as per the schedule of annual Summary Revision and electoral roll will be updated with final publication. While the forms/claims with respect to three subsequent qualifying dates of year received in advance during Summary Revision period and continuous updation thereafter shall be processed under continuous updation during the relevant quarter.

The Commission has also made the registration Forms more user friendly and simpler. The newly modified Forms will come into force on [1st August, 2022](#). All applications (claims and objections), in old forms, received before [1st August, 2022](#) will be processed and disposed of and in such cases, there is no need to file application in new forms.

For linking of AADHAR number with Electoral Roll data, provision has been made in the modified registration forms to seek Aadhaar details of electors. A new Form-6B has also been introduced for collecting Aadhaar number of existing electors. However, no application for inclusion of name in electoral roll shall be denied and no entries in

electoral roll shall be deleted for inability of an individual to furnish or intimate Aadhaar Number.

A Time bound drive is being started w.e.f. 01.8.22 for collection of Aadhaar number of the existing electors. Furnishing of Aadhaar number is purely voluntary. Objective of the programme is to establish the identity of electors and authentication of entries in Electoral Roll.



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