



FSM NATIONAL ELECTION OFFICE

"Smooth and Orderly Elections"



- VOTERS INSTRUCTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS -

VOTER REGISTRATION: Who May Register to Vote

"Section 103. Eligible Voters: Every Citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia is eligible to vote in a National Election if he or she has fulfilled the following requirements:



Must be alive

To be at least 18 years of age or older on election day

To be a resident of any of the states of the Federated States of Micronesia

To be a registered for at least 30 days immediately preceding election day

Not currently under a judgement of mental incompetency or insanity, and not currently under parole, probation or sentence for any felony for which He has been convicted by any court of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Materials To Be Submitted For Registration: [Voter Registration Application](#), a sworn affidavit and one of the following forms of official identification:

1. FSM Passport
2. Driver License
3. Birth Certificate or
4. Baptismal Certificate.

Registration of Students: Any student seeking to register to vote while residing outside of his or her

state of election district, shall submit by hand or by mail to the National Election Commissioner of the state in which He/She desires to vote the following materials: 1. A voter registration application and sworn affidavit and 2. A letter from his or her institution of learning establishing his or her current enrollment in that institution.

Procedures For Absentee Voters: The following materials should be submitted to request to vote by absentee ballots:

a) To vote by absentee ballot in a National Election, a person must submit an [application to vote by absentee ballot](#) to the National Election Commissioner of the state in which the voter is registered, or to the appropriate FSM Embassy or Consulate if the voter resides abroad with the time period specified by Title 9 of the Federated States of Micronesia Code for the particular type of absentee ballot. **The voter must clearly specify on his or her application which one of the following types of absentee ballots He or She desires to vote in the National Elections:**

1. By mail (not more than 150 days but not less than 40 days before election day)
2. By voting at a mobile polling place (one day before election day)
3. By voting at a VAAPP (Voting at Another polling place seven (7) days before elections)
4. By voting at a special polling place outside the FSM, or (thirty (30) days before election day)
5. By voting at a traveler polling place (not more than thirty (30) days and not less than one (1) day before election day).

b) No person shall be permitted to complete or submit an application to vote by absentee ballot on behalf of another voter, with the exception of absentee voters requesting to vote at a mobile polling place who are not physically able to complete and/or deliver the application themselves.

c) Absentee ballots and affidavits must be received by the National Election Commissioner's office of the State issuing the absentee ballot no later than the established closing hour of the polls on election day.

d) Absentee ballots received at a Post Office in the Federated States of Micronesia on election day shall be stamped with the time and the date of their receipt.

National Election Director Office is an Agency under the government of the Federated States of Micronesia. The office is responsible for the conduct of elections for the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, responsible for registering citizens that have reached the voting age of eighteen (18) years old, to issue FSM Voters ID cards for eligible registered voters.

National elections of the country is administrated by the National Election Director and conducted by national election commissioner for each of the states in the FSM.

National elections are held biennially in each odd numbered year on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in the month of March.

Nomination Of Candidates For FSM Congress

To be eligible for election as a member of Congress of The Federated States of Micronesia a person shall:

Have attained the age of 30 years old by election day.

Be a resident of the State from which He or She is seeking election on election day, and for at least five years prior to that date.



Be a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia on election day, and for at least 15 years prior to that date.

Not be under judgement of mental incompetency or insanity.

And not have been convicted of felony by a State or National court of the Federated States of Micronesia or its predecessor government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific

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