

WHAT ARE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND LOCAL AUTHORITY ELECTIONS?

Regional Councils Elections

The Regional Councils elections is an election process in which citizens elect their representatives in which they reside, known as Regional Councillors. These elections are held after every five years. Regional Councillors are the link between the central government and the citizens in the region and they are responsible to spearhead development in the constituencies in which they are elected. Namibia has fourteen (14) regions and 121 constituencies.

Which electoral system is used for the Regional Councils elections?

Regional Councils elections are conducted according to the majoritarian or first-past-the-post electoral system. In this system the candidate with the most votes win the election.

In the Regional Council elections, registered voters vote for the candidates of their choice to the Regional Council who will lead and represent them in their region for 5 years. They vote in the constituency in which they are registered.

Each regions' councillors elect 3 (three) regional councillors from amongst themselves to serve in the National Council which has a total of 42 members.

Local Authority Elections

Local Authority elections, is an election process in which citizens elect representatives in local authority areas in which they reside, known as Local Authority Councillors. These elections are held after every five years together with the Regional Councils elections. Local Authority Councillors are elected to serve the people in the various local authorities such as village councils, town councils or municipalities.

Which electoral system is used for the Local Authorities elections?

Local Authorities elections are conducted in terms of the proportional representation system. The seats in the local authority council are allocated in proportion to the number of votes received per political party/organisation or association. The more votes received by the political party, organisation or association contesting in the elections, the more seats it will receive.

In the Local Authority elections, registered voters vote for the political party, organisation or association of their choice who then appoint its representatives for 5 (five) years to the Local Authority Council. They vote in the Local Authority in which they are registered.

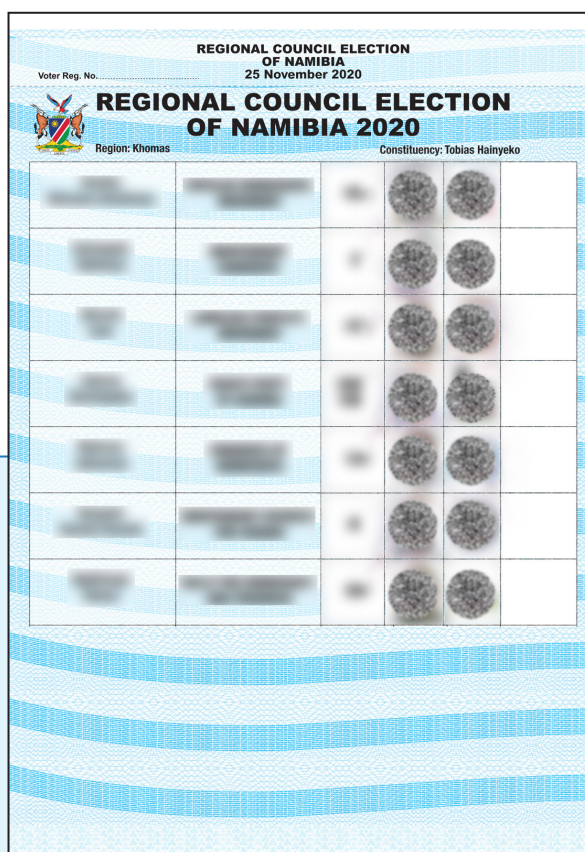
Local Authority Councillors are responsible for serving the residents by maintaining, developing and catering to their communities.

Namibia has 59 (fifty nine) local authorities which comprise of municipalities (type 1 or 2 determined by geographical size), town councils and village councils.

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Did you know:

The blue ballot paper and the ballot box with a blue lid is for Regional Councils Elections.



Did you know:

The yellow ballot paper and the ballot box with a yellow lid is for Local Authorities Elections.

