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The Electoral Commission makes the following Regulations under Sections 108A and 136 of the *Electoral Act 2016*:

1 Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the *Electoral (Survey or Poll) Regulations 2021*.

2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on the day they are notified in the Gazette.

3 Notice for survey or poll

(1) Where the Electoral Commission carries out a survey or poll, it shall publish a notice in the Gazette outlining the details of the proposed survey or poll.

(2) The notice under subregulation (1) shall include the following information:

- (a) the issue or question for which the survey or poll is seeking voters' opinions;
- (b) the timeframe for conducting the survey or poll; and
- (c) the manner or method in which the survey or poll will be conducted, which may include voting by electronic means or in person.

4 Eligibility to participate in survey or poll

A person who is registered on the Roll of voters shall be eligible to vote in a survey or poll carried out by the Electoral Commission.

5 Voting in survey or poll

(1) Voting in a survey or poll is compulsory.

(2) A voter who fails to vote and is not exempted from voting commits an offence and is liable to a penalty not exceeding \$100.

6 Procedures for voting in survey or poll

The procedures under the *Electoral Act 2016* for voting in or the conduct of an election shall be used with the necessary modifications for voting in or conducting a survey or poll.

7 Manner of voting

The voting in a survey or poll shall be by ballot contained in Form 1 in the Schedule and each voter shall indicate his or her vote:

- (a) in cases where the voter agrees with the question posed, by ticking the box next to the word 'Yes'; or
- (b) in cases where the voter disagrees with the question posed, by ticking the box next to the word 'No'.

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8 Determining result of survey or poll

- (1) The ballot papers for a survey or poll shall be counted as soon as practicable after a survey or poll is closed.
- (2) Upon completion of the counting of votes, the Electoral Commission shall certify the results of a survey or poll.

9 Declaration of result of survey or poll

The Electoral Commission, on completion of the counting of the votes from a survey or poll, shall:

- (a) certify the results of such survey or poll by certifying the number of 'Yes' votes and the number of 'No' votes in Form 2 in the Schedule;
- (b) provide to the Cabinet or Speaker the certified results of the survey or poll; and
- (c) publish a notice in the Gazette announcing the certified results of the survey or poll.

SCHEDULE

FORM 1

Ballot paper



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Electoral Act 2016

[Regulation 7]

BALLOT PAPER

[Survey or Poll*]

DIRECTIONS TO VOTER

TICK THE BOX NEXT TO “YES” or “NO” next to the question(s)* set out below.

[insert question for voter to vote on]

Yes

No

[Note: If necessary, insert additional question for voter to vote on.]

[Insert question for voter to vote on]

Yes

No

*[Note: *delete whichever does not apply]*

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FORM 2

[Regulation 9]



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Electoral Act 2016

CERTIFICATE OF RESULTS OF [SURVEY/POLL*]

To the [Honourable Chairman of the Cabinet/Honourable Speaker*]:

We hereby certify that the results of the [survey/poll*] held on *[insert date]* in respect of the question *[insert question]* are as follows:

1. Voting population: *[insert number]*
2. Number of votes cast: *[insert number]*
3. Number of “Yes” votes counted: *[insert number]*
4. Number of “No” votes counted: *[insert number]*
5. The following proportion of votes cast answered the question [“Yes”/“No”]*: *[insert proportion]*

DATED this day of 20.....

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[Electoral Commissioner]

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[Electoral Commissioner]

.....
[Electoral Commissioner]

*[Note: *delete whichever does not apply]*