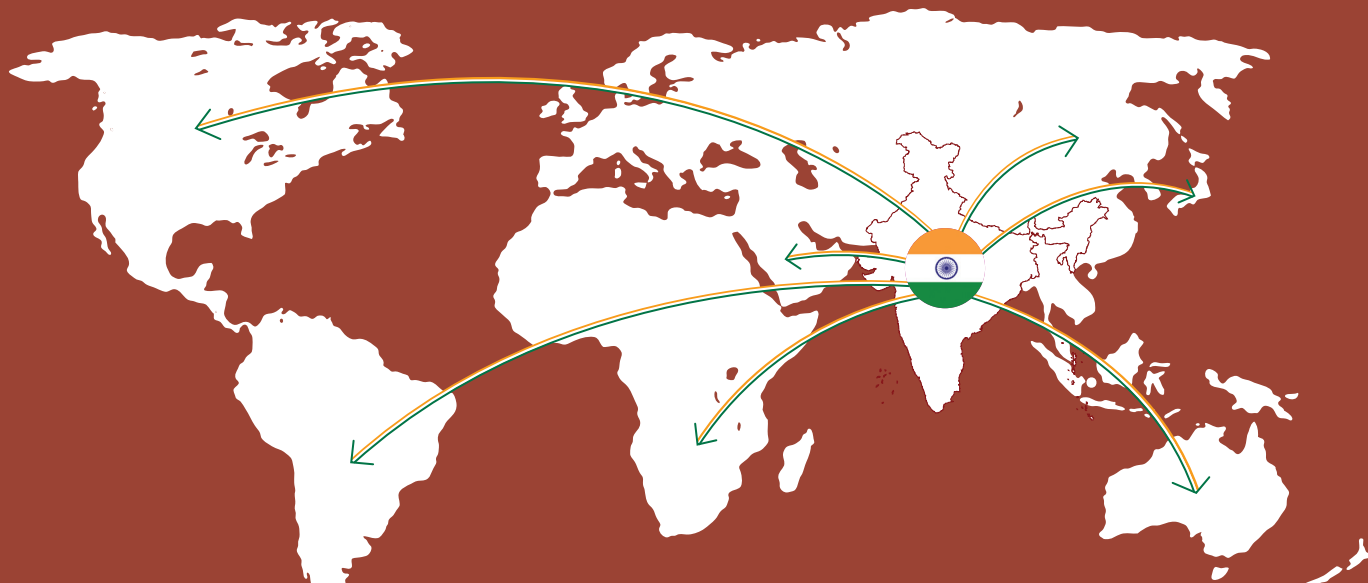


A guide for **How do I Vote** **Overseas Indian Electors**



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Who can be an Overseas Elector?



Overseas Elector

is a citizen of India, absent from the country owing to employment, education etc.



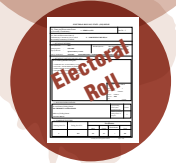
has not acquired citizenship of any other country and is otherwise eligible to be registered as a voter in the **address** mentioned in the **passport**.



has attained the age of 18 years on the qualifying date i.e. 1st of January of the year of revision of electoral roll.



is not disqualified to be enrolled as an elector.



Disqualified to be enrolled as an elector if

- ✗ of unsound mind and declared so by a competent court
- ✗ temporarily disqualified from voting under any law relating to corrupt practices and other election offence



Getting Started: Registration in the Electoral Roll

Fill Enrolment Form



Find out the name of your Constituency and Part in the district/state of residence at **www.eci.gov.in**



Fill **Form 6A** online at **www.nvsp.in** and upload the requisite proofs.

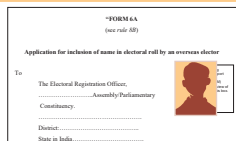


Alternatively download **Form 6A** from ECI website **www.eci.gov.in**. Fill **Form 6A** in 2 copies and send to Electoral Registration officer ERO. The list of EROs of various constituencies are available on **www.eci.gov.in**



Forms are also available free of cost in Indian Missions.

Documents Required



One recent passport size coloured photograph affixed in **Form 6A**.



Self-attested photocopies of the relevant pages of the passport containing photograph, address in India and all other details



The page of passport containing the valid visa endorsement



The photocopy of each of the documents referred to above, should be duly self-attested.

Form can be Submitted Online, in Person or by Post

You can fill the form in person with the Electoral Registration Officer / Assistant ERO of the constituency. If application is submitted in person before the ERO, the original passport should be produced for verification.



Instructions regarding enrolment have been posted on the ECI website www.eci.gov.in



What Happens after the Form Submission: the Verification Process



Booth Level Officer will visit the home address mentioned in your passport and enquire to verify the copies of documents.



In cases where no relative is available or willing to give declaration for verification of documents, the documents will be sent for verification to the concerned Indian Mission.



Decision of the Electoral registration Officer (ERO) will be communicated to you by post and SMS on the address and mobile number given in **Form 6A**. Electoral rolls are also available on the website of the Chief Electoral Officer.

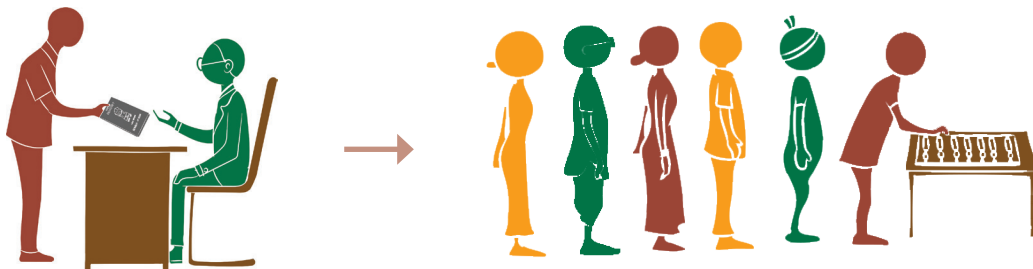
A screenshot of Form 6A, 'Declaration of Overseas Elector'. It contains fields for Name and Residential Status, Date of Birth, Date of Arrival in India, and Address in India. It also has a section for 'Declaration of Overseas Elector' with checkboxes for 'I am an Overseas Elector' and 'I am not an Overseas Elector'. The form is numbered 'Form No. 6A' and 'Form No. 6A'.

Names of overseas electors are included in a separate section for "Overseas Electors" which is the last section of the roll of each polling station area.

A screenshot of Form 8, 'Declaration of Overseas Elector'. It contains fields for Name, Residential Status, Date of Birth, Date of Arrival in India, and Address in India. It also has a section for 'Declaration of Overseas Elector' with checkboxes for 'I am an Overseas Elector' and 'I am not an Overseas Elector'. The form is numbered 'Form No. 8' and 'Form No. 8'.

You can use **Form 8** for making any correction in electoral roll.

How to Cast your Valuable Vote



An overseas elector is not issued an **EPIC (Elector Photo Identity Card)** & you will be allowed to vote in person at the polling station on production of your original passport.

However, provision for alternative options for voting for Overseas Indian electors is under consideration.

HOW TO VOTE?



Mobile phones, camera or any other gadget is not allowed inside a polling booth.



First polling official will check your name on voter list and check your passport.



Second polling official will ink your finger, give you a chit and take your signature on a register.



You will have to deposit the chit at the third polling official and show your inked finger and then proceed to the polling booth.



Record your vote by pressing the button beside the symbol of the candidate of your choice on the Electronic Voting Machine; you will hear a beep sound.

NOTA

You can press NOTA, None of the Above, if you don't like any candidate, it's the last button on the EVM.

Keeping in Mind: Points to Remember

Form 6A

DECLARATION

No person can be enrolled in more than one electoral roll i.e. when you enrol as a overseas voter you have to submit a declaration – that you are not already enrolled as a general voter.

Form 6A

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Identity Card

SURRENDER

If you are registered as a general voter, you should surrender your EPIC when you submit **Form 6A** for registration as Overseas voter.

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Identity Card

REGISTER

Form 6A

When you return to India you can register as general voter at your place of ordinary residence and get your enrolment as overseas elector deleted.



So get enrolled today to vote in the next election!

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INFORMATION- To meet any gaps in information about the What, Where, When and How of registration and voting process

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