



PRIMER FOR OVERSEAS VOTERS ON THE 2019 PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ELECTIONS



PHILIPPINE CONSULATE GENERAL
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VANCOUVER

All citizens of the Philippines abroad who have registered as overseas voters (as reflected in the Certified List of Overseas Voters) may vote for 12 seats in the Philippine Senate and 1 party-list representative. The official list of candidates may be found in this link:

<http://comelec.gov.ph/?r=2019NLE/ListsOfCandidates/CertifiedListofCandidates/National>

The mode of voting for Filipino overseas voters registered with the Philippine Consulate General in Vancouver is AUTOMATED (MODIFIED POSTAL) voting. This means that voters have a choice of mailing their ballots or personally bringing them to the Consulate in Vancouver to be received by the COMELEC-deputized staff.

The certified list of overseas voters under the Philippine Consulate General in Vancouver may be found in this link:

<http://nebula.wsimg.com/7d161e54ab183dd4aae9baec3f2c971a?AccessKeyId=F258C060F89B6F40A317&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>. Only persons whose names are on the Certified List of Overseas Voters will receive ballots and be allowed to submit ballots to the Consulate.

Official ballots, instructions for voting and other election materials shall be mailed to all registered Filipino overseas voters starting 8 April 2019.

- If your name appears in the Certified List of Overseas Voters (CLOV) under the jurisdiction of the Philippine Consulate General in Vancouver and you recently moved or changed your mailing address, please email your updated mailing address to: overseasvoting@vancouverpcg.org so the Consulate can send your official ballot to your new address.
- Should you wish to pick up your ballot, please let us know on or before 5 April 2019 through overseasvoting@vancouverpcg.org, so that the ballots will not be mailed to you. Completed ballots may be returned to the Philippine Consulate General by mail or in person.

For those who opt to bring their ballots to the Consulate, personal delivery will be allowed on the opening day of elections, 13 April (Saturday), from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and thereafter, from Monday to Friday, except holidays, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The following current COMELEC guidelines will apply:

- The ballot mailer set will include: (a) Official Ballot, (b) Instruction to voter, (c) Return Envelope for accomplished ballot, (d) COMELEC paper seal for the sealing of the return envelope
- The accomplished ballot must be enclosed in the official return mailing envelope and returned to the Consulate, either by mail or by hand.
- The received ballot envelopes shall be opened by COMELEC-deputized Consulate officials only on Mondays and Thursdays for feeding into the Vote Counting Machines (hours: 9:00 a.m. until completion of received ballots). There will be no batch feeding on 18 April (Maundy Thursday) and 22 April (Easter Monday). This procedure can be observed by accredited Watchers.
- Vote counting will be done on 13 May, starting at 3:00 a.m. This procedure can be observed by accredited Watchers.

For mailed-in ballots, the Consulate must receive them ON OR BEFORE 12 noon of 10 May 2019 (Friday), Vancouver time*. For those who will vote in person, the Consulate will be open to receive your votes until 3:00 a.m. of 13 May (Monday).

**Canada Post does not deliver on weekends. The 12 noon cut-off will ensure that all ballots received on 10 May get delivered to the Consulate by the evening of the same day.*