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PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ACT, NO. 1 OF 1981

APPLICATION TO BE TREATED AS A POSTAL VOTER

(Please read the note and instructions overleaf before completing the form)

Form "A"

To: **The Returning Officer of No. ....., ... Electoral District**

I, ... holder of the National Identity Card No.

												(Name)

hereby declare that my name appears as ..... in the register of electors of the above mentioned electoral district.

The particulars of my registration in the current operative register are as follows:

Administrative District	:		Grama Niladhari Division	:	
Polling Division - Letter and Name	:		Street/Village Name	:	
Polling District Number	:		Serial Number of my Name	:	
Chief Occupant's Name	:				

I hereby apply to be treated as a postal voter at the election of members for the above mentioned electoral district because I am unable* / likely to be unable to vote in person at the polling station allotted to me –

*(1) by reason of the particular circumstances of my employment ;

* (*a*) as a member of the Sri Lanka Army* / Sri Lanka Navy* / Sri Lanka Air Force;

* (*b*) as an officer or servant in the Department of Police* / Department of Prisons* / Sri Lanka Government Railway* / Department of Posts and Department of Telecommunications* / Sri Lanka Central Transport Board* / ..... Regional Transport Board;

* (*c*) as an officer or servant in the public service appointed* / likely to be appointed for duties connected with the election;

* (*d*) as an officer or servant of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka appointed* / likely to be appointed for duties connected with such election;

*(2) by reason of my candidature in No. ....., ... Electoral District

Address to which my Ballot Paper and other documents should be sent is given below.

If the applicant is not entitled to function as a Certifying Officer in accordance with the note appearing overleaf, state the official designation and address of Applicant's Certifying Officer. } .....

If the applicant is entitled to function as a Certifying Officer, state applicant's official designation and address. } .....

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Signature of the Applicant

Telephone No.: Official : .....
Private : .....

Designation : .....
Official Address : .....
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Date: .....

While it is not necessary to complete the overleaf certificate if the applicant is serving in the office of the Certifying Officer, same institution or in the same school as of the Certifying Officer, it is essential to complete **the overleaf certificate by the head of the Office / Institution / Principal of the School, when the applicant is not directly under the supervision of the** Certifying Officer, (*eg.* In case of the teachers, the Principal of the respective school should complete this portion when the Zonal Director of Education is the Certifying Officer.)

1. I have ascertained that the applicant is eligible to vote by post.
2. I hereby certify that I am* / the applicant who has furnished the particulars above is unable to vote at the polling station* / unlikely to vote in person at the polling station allotted to me* / him.
3. My official designation and the address given in this application are correct.

(Before certifying the application, the Certifying Officer should satisfy himself of the identify of the applicant by referring to his National Identity Card or other identity document or through the certification overleaf of the Head of the office / Institution / the Principal of the School).

Date: .....

Official Frank:

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Signature of Certifying Officer* / Applicant's Signature

Name : .....

Designation : .....

N. I. C. No. : | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Telephone No. : .....

* *Delete inapplicable words.*

This form is available in Sinhala, Tamil and English Languages. You may contact the Elections Office for your requirement.

To the Certifying Officer,

I certify that Mr. / Mrs. / Miss.....holder of the National Identity Card No. | | | | | | | | | | | | | *who has furnished the particulars overleaf to vote by post, is serving in my office / institution / branch / school.*

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Signature
Head of the office / institution / branch / Principal of the School of the Applicant

Official Address: ..... Name : .....

Telephone No.: Official : ..... Designation : .....

Private : .....

NOTE

1. Every Application shall be made to the returning officer of the electoral district where the applicant is registered as an elector not earlier than the seventh day and not later than the fourteenth day after the date of publication of the Proclamation or Order requiring the holding of an election.

2. Every applicantion shall be duly filled in as otherwise it is liable to rejection by the returning officer.

3. Every applicant will be informed of the decision of the returning officer.

*4. The ballot paper and other documents will be despatched to any applicant whose application has been allowed to his name and address as stated in his application if he is entitled to function as a certifying officer or if he is not so entitled, under the care of the certifying officer whose official designation and address are stated in his application.

5. The expression "certifying officer"–

   (*a*) in relation to any applicant who, being a member of the Sri Lanka Army or Sri Lanka Navy or Sri Lanka Air Force,–

      (i) is the Commander of that Army or the Captain of that Navy or the Commander of that Air Force or is the officer in immediate charge of the unit or establishment in which the applicant is serving, means the applicant; or

      (ii) is not a person referred to in clause (i) of this subparagraph, means the officer in immediate charge of the unit or establishment in which the applicant is serving;

   (*b*) in relation to any applicant who, being an officer or servant in the public service or the Central Bank of Ceylon,–

      (i) is the officer in immediate charge of any office means the applicant; or

      (ii) is not a person referred to in clause (i) of this subparagraph, means the officer in immediate charge of the office in which the applicant is serving; or

   (*c*) in relation to any applicant who is a candidate at a General Election, means the returning officer for the electoral district in which the applicant is registered as an elector.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. The applicant should be eligible, under Sub Section 26(2) of the Parliamentary Elections Act, No. 1 of 1981, to be treated as a postal voter.

2. It is necessary to mention in the appropriate space in the application, the name of the applicant as shown in the relevant electoral register.

3. The application will be rejected if the details shown in the application do not tally with the electoral register.

4. The absence of the relevant Certifying Officer's signature, official seal and non-receipt of the application by the District Returning Officer on or before the closing date will be grounds for rejection of the application.

5. The applicant should ensure that he personally completes the application.

6. The applicant should, before he extracts his details from the relevant electoral register, be satisfied that the details refer to the house in which his family members are registered as electors. If not an applicant can enter details of a person whose name resembles or similar to, the name of the applicant. If the Returning Officer allows such application, the person whose name has been given in the application will be deprived of his vote. However, persons who erroneously apply to vote by post shall be guilty of a punishable offence.

7. A person who applies to vote by post in the name of a dead person, or a fictitious person or in the name of another person commits an offence of impersonation under Section 77(1) of the Parliamentary Elections Act, No. 1 of 1981 and becomes liable for punishment under the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979.

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