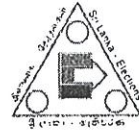




ELECTION COMMISSION

Parliamentary Election – 05.08.2020



**NO PERSON IS PERMITTED TO CAST VOTE BY POST UNLESS HE
PRODUCE A VALID IDENTITY CARD**

In order to establish the identity to cast the vote by post, it is mandatory to produce one of the following identity cards recognized for the purpose:

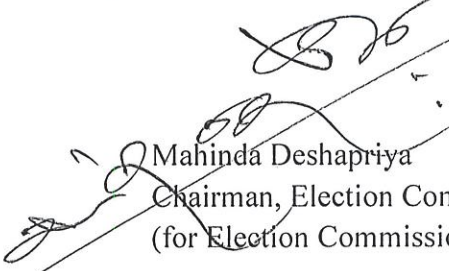
- * National Identity Card;
- * Valid Driving License;
- * Valid Passport; or
- * Temporary Identity Card issued by the Election Commission;

02. Any person who fails to establish his identity by producing any of the aforesaid identity cards or the official identity card bearing the national identity card number shall not be treated as an elector even in the case of postal voting.

03. In terms healthcare guidelines issued under controlled COVID 19 situation, social distancing, using facemasks, and hand sanitizing should be adhered to and it would be appropriate to bring a blue/ black pen to mark the ballot.

04. **The official identity card is accepted for the purpose of casting the postal vote, however, taking into consideration the revelations from previous elections, the officer appointed by the Returning Officer to supervise the affairs of the office of the Certifying Officer is tasked with the responsibility to verify the identity of the postal voter who produces his official identity card. The Returning Officers should take action to bring to the notice of the Certifying Officers through the Assistant Returning Officers/other officers deployed for monitoring postal voting before the commencement of the postal voting that any postal voter who produces an official identity card, cannot establish his identity as aforesaid should not be allowed to mark the postal vote.**

05. I kindly request the Returning Officers to kindly pursue action to bring to the notice of all certifying officers/ postal voters and all other stakeholders that any postal voter who does not produce any valid identity card including the temporary identity card issued by the Election Commission will not be allowed to cast his vote by post and that necessary action be taken accordingly.


Mahinda Deshapriya
Chairman, Election Commission
(for Election Commission)

Election Commission
Sarana Mawatha,
Rajagiriya.
29th June 2020