

## **CONTINUOUS REGISTRATION OF VOTERS**

The Central Electoral Office shall be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, except on public holidays. All qualified persons wishing to register their names will be required to do so by completing an application form (Form 9) and providing proof of qualifications, for example, a valid Anguilla passport. A belongingship certification, etc. If the Electoral Registration Officer is satisfied that a person is qualified to vote, she shall give that person a certificate of provisional registration. If she is not satisfied that the person is qualified, she will advise the person accordingly.

The qualifications to be registered to vote are found in section 43 of the Anguilla Constitution. The following summary of that section is presented only for convenient reference.

To be qualified to vote, a person must be-

1. 18 years of age or older
2. Resident in the electoral district in which the person seeks to be registered
3. Domiciled in Anguilla on the last day of the quarter in which the application to register is made
4. One of the following –
  - A British Overseas Territories Citizen who was born in Anguilla
  - A Belonger of Anguilla who has resided in Anguilla for a period of at least 5 years immediately before the last day of the quarter in which the application is made.
  - A Belonger of Anguilla who has resided in Anguilla for a period of less than 5 years but at least 1 year immediately before the last day of the quarter in which the application to register is made and who is either-
    - The lawful spouse, widow, widower, son or daughter of a person born in Anguilla or
    - The lawful spouse of the son or daughter of a person born in Anguilla

When qualified persons apply to be registered and obtain certificates of provisional registration on or before the 39<sup>th</sup> day of any quarter, they can expect to be included on the list of voters that will be published for that quarter. For example, in the first quarter of 2019, qualified persons who apply and obtain certificates of provisional registration on or before 8<sup>th</sup> February can expect to appear on the first quarterly list. Those who apply and obtain certificates of provisional registration

on or after 9<sup>th</sup> February and by 9<sup>th</sup> March can expect to appear on the list for the second quarter, and etc. through the rest of the year.

Members of the public are further advised that by the 42<sup>nd</sup> day of every quarter, the names of all those persons holding certificates of provisional registration issued by the Electoral Registration Officer will be published in a quarterly list of voters. Qualified voters may register objections to the name of a person appearing on the list and any person who applied to be registered and whose name does not appear may submit a claim to be registered. In 2019, the quarterly list of voters will be posted on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 12<sup>th</sup> August and 11<sup>th</sup> November. After all objections and claims are resolved, and not later than the last day of each quarter, the names appearing on the revised quarterly lists will be entered into the register of voters.

Persons who think they may qualify to vote, should go to the Central Electoral Office to determine eligibility and register.

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ANNUAL TIME LINE**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Section Ref.</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Day of Quarter</b>	<b>Date When Event Should Occur<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Applications for registration on quarterly list of voters</b>	Act 9A	No deadline; registration is ongoing. Dates reflected at right are periods during which one might apply and expect to appear on a quarterly list	1 - 39	1 Jan – 8 Feb: 1Q List 9 Feb – 9 May: 2Q List 10 May – 8 Aug: 3Q List 9 Aug – 8 Nov: 4Q List
<b>Preparation of quarterly list</b>	Act 9B	40 <sup>th</sup> day of Quarter	40	9 Feb 10 May 9 Aug 9 Nov
<b>Publication and posting of quarterly list</b>	Reg 28B	42 <sup>nd</sup> day of Quarter	42	11 Feb 12 May 11 Aug 11 Nov
<b>Claims for inclusion on quarterly list</b>	Reg 32(2)	7 days after first day of posting of quarterly list	49	18 Feb 19 May 18 Aug 18 Nov
<b>Publication of list of claimants for inclusion (remains posted 7 days)</b>	Reg 33(2)	8 days after first day of posting of quarterly list	50	19 Feb 20 May 19 Aug 19 Nov
<b>Objections to inclusion on quarterly list</b>	Reg 36(3)(a) & (4)	10 days after first day of posting of quarterly list	52	21 Feb 22 May 21 Aug 21 Nov
<b>Publication of list of persons whose registration is objected to (remains posted 7 days)</b>	Reg 37(2)(a)	11 days after first day of posting of quarterly list	53	22 Feb 23 May 22 Aug 22 Nov
<b>Objections to claims for inclusion on quarterly list</b>	Reg 34(4)	15 days after first day of posting of quarterly list	57	26 Feb 27 May 26 Aug 26 Nov

<sup>1</sup> Note that these dates do not take into account Leap Year

<sup>2</sup> Persons who apply to register from 9 November to 31 December of any year may expect to appear on the list for the 1st quarter of the following year.

<b>Publication of list of claimants objected to</b> (remains posted 5 days)	Reg 35(2)	16 days after first day of posting of quarterly list	58	27 Feb 28 May 27 Aug 27 Nov
<b>Hearing of claims and objections. Correction and revision of list</b>	Reg 38 (claims) Reg 39 (objections )	No deadline specified NOTE: 5 days notice of hearings must be given		9 Mar 7 June 6 Sept 7 Dec
<b>Publication of certified copy of revised quarterly list</b>	Reg 44(c)	28 days after first day of posting of quarterly list	69	10 Mar 8 June 7 Sept 8 Dec
<b>Transfer of names from revised quarterly list to preliminary list of voters</b>	Reg 45	71 <sup>st</sup> day of quarter (i.e. 30 days after first day of posting quarterly list)	71	12 Mar 10 June 9 Sept 10 Dec
<b>Publication and posting of preliminary list</b>	Act 10(2) & Reg 28C(4)	72 <sup>nd</sup> day of quarter	72	13 Mar 11 June 10 Sept 11 Dec
<b>Objections to registration on preliminary list</b>	Reg 36(3)(b)& (4)	8 days after first day of posting of preliminary list	80	20 Mar 18 June 17 Sept 18 Dec
<b>Publication of list of persons objected to</b> (remains posted 5 days)	Reg 37(2)(b)	9 days after first day of posting of preliminary list	81	21 Mar 19 June 18 Sept 19 Dec
<b>Hearing of objections and correction of preliminary list</b>	Reg 39	No deadline specified NOTE: 5 days notice of hearings must be given		30 Mar 29 June 29 Sept 30 Dec
<b>Publication of revised preliminary list</b> (PL = register of voters)	Reg 46(1)(c) Reg 46(2)	Last day of quarter		31 Mar 30 June 30 Sept 31 Dec

