

Circular 013/2024

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Dear Resident

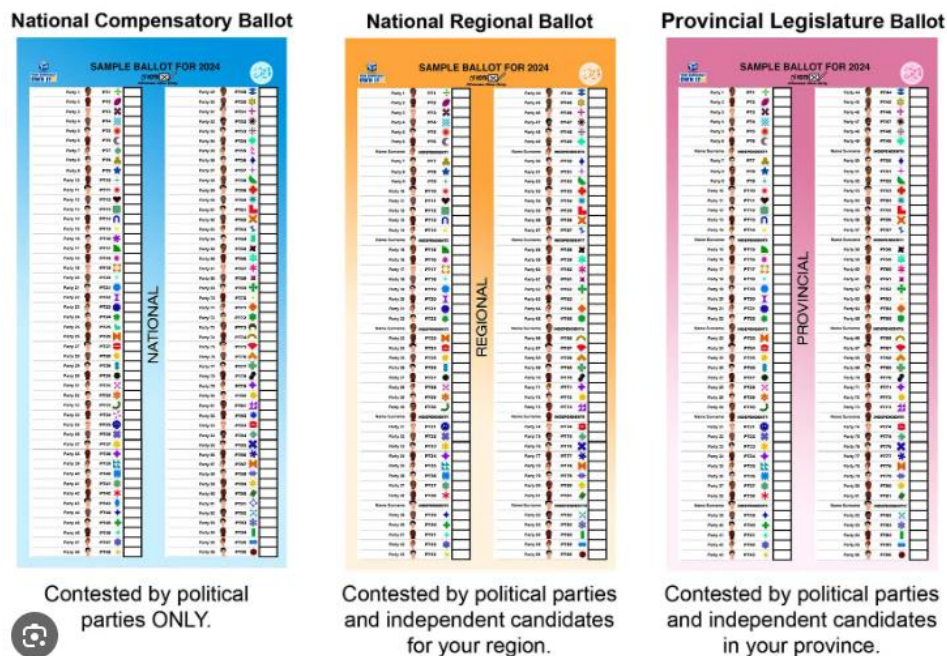
THREE BALLOT PAPERS AT YOUR VOTING STATION THIS 2024 ELECTION

The election date is 29 May 2024 and we would like to remind South Africans registered to vote, there will be for the first time in the country's history, three ballot papers at their voting stations.

We have arranged for the IEC to be present at the village to cast your vote on either 27 May or 29 May – they will confirm the day closer to the time.

In previous elections, there were only two ballots - a National Ballot for the National Assembly (Parliament), and a Provincial Ballot for the Provincial Legislature of the province. The THIRD ballot is for the regional seats reserved for each of the regions in the National Assembly. Because a region refers to the same territorial area of the province, the terms "Regional" and "Provincial" are simply to distinguish between the seats reserved for that region in Parliament (regional seats) and seats in the Provincial Legislatures of that province (provincial seats).

In our case, voters in the Western Cape will therefore receive at their voting stations, **three ballot papers** are as follows:



- **The National Ballot:** this ballot will consist of a list of political parties vying for 200 seats in the National Assembly. This ballot will be used to vote for political parties. There are currently 52 parties who will be on this ballot and the configuration will be a dual column.
- **The Regional or Province-to-National Ballots:** it will have political parties and independent candidates contesting for the seats reserved for each province in the National Assembly. Voters will use this ballot to elect a political party or an independent candidate to represent them in the National Assembly. The number of contestants range from 30 to 44 on regional ballots.
- **The Provincial Ballots:** this ballot is unique to each province and includes parties and independent candidates competing for seats in each respective provincial legislature. This ballot will allow voters to choose either a political party or an independent candidate to represent them in provincial legislatures.

It's important that every voting South African citizen understands and is aware of the voting procedure in order to exercise their democratic right.

There are a total of 400 contested seats in the National Assembly. The proportional representation compensatory 200 seats will be contested by political parties only and there is a dedicated ballot paper for this tier of the National Assembly.

The remaining regional or province-to-national 200 seats will be contested by independent candidates and political parties. This tier of the National Assembly will also have a dedicated ballot paper.

This means that National Assembly elections will be based on two ballot papers (national ballot and the newly introduced regional or province-to-national ballot).

It's imperative that voters put their mark on **ALL three ballot papers** to ensure a better future in the Western Cape.

Be sure to have a working knowledge of what to expect at the voting booth as this will eliminate confusion and will make for a more seamless voting process.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christine Dempers', with a stylized, cursive script.

CHRISTINE DEMPERS
Village Manager: Muizenberg