How to transfer your registration to a new location

Section 13 of the 2010 Electoral Act (as amended) makes provisions for the Transfer of Registered Voters from one location to another. You can transfer your registration if you have relocated to a new area and it will be difficult to vote, or if you would prefer to vote for candidates in your new location.

To do this, you must inform in writing the INEC office in the State to which you wish to transfer your registration. The addresses for Rivers, Bayelsa, and Delta states are below:

**INEC Bayelsa state office:** Road safety road, Yenogoa  
**INEC Delta state office:** NTA road, off Okpanam road, Asaba  
**INEC Rivers state office:** plot 236, Aba road, Port harcourt

If you do not live in the State capitals above, you should go to the INEC office in the Local Government Area where you intend to vote to submit your application for transfer of registration.

**Application for the transfer of registration: requirements**

- Write an application letter for your voter registration transfer, then address and send it to the INEC Resident Electoral Commissioner of the State that you want to transfer it to. For instance, if your registration is presently a location in Rivers State and you want your registration to be transferred to Delta State, write and address your application to: THE RESIDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER, INEC-DELTA STATE, NTA ROAD, ASABA. Note that you may also be able to go to your local INEC office and ask for a form to help you to complete this step.
- Include your new address in the application.
- Clearly state your reasons for relocating.
For example, this could be that you have changed jobs, have a new home, or have family issues.

- Make sure to attach a photocopy of either your Temporary Voter Card (TVC) or Permanent Voter Card (PVC).

Upon receipt and processing of your application, the State INEC office will inform the Local Government office where you wish to register, assign you a polling unit in the new location, retrieve your previous TVC or PVC, and issue you with a new PVC for the new location.

Make sure you keep a copy of all the documentation you send off.

Note - timelines:

INEC must receive your application for transfer of registration no later than 60 days before the General Election or election in your Constituency. This is so that INEC will have sufficient time to complete the transfer process and issue you a new Voter Card. The 2019 General Election will commence on February 16 2019. The deadline for Continuous Voter Registration (CVR) including transfer of registration is August 31 2018.

Note - timelines:

Legally you must inform INEC no later than one month to the election so that they will have reasonable time to complete the transfer. With the election date set for 14th February 2015, you must submit your request so that it arrives at INEC before the 14th January 2015. (We strongly advise you to do this earlier).

Any request for transfer sent less than a month to election will not be attended to before the election. A request for transfer can be sent to the INEC office in the local government you registered or at their state headquarters.

The state INEC office will direct the local government office to enter your name in the voters list, assign you to a polling unit in the new location, retrieve your previous voter card, and issue you with a new voter card for the new location.

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For enquiries contact the INEC Citizens Contact Centre (ICCC)

Phone numbers: 07098116381, 07098115257, 07098117563 and 07098110916.

You can also contact these civil society organisations who will be observing the elections

-  Center LSD - 08037477498, or 08035471093
-  Civil Society Situation Room - 09095050505, 09032999919
-  Yar'adua Foundation Case 2015 - 0810450073, 08065778182 08037622733
-  Stakeholder Democracy Network - 07031593783

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