



**ELECTIONS OFFICE**  
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**Date: Monday, 1 March 2021**

**Postal Ballots to be Sent and Received by Commercial Courier**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, express and regular mail services around the world continue to face disruptions including limited airlift capacity, varying prevention restrictions and logistical challenges with international postal systems.

To help mitigate against COVID-19 related delays impacting postal voters, Cabinet has approved recommendations submitted by the Supervisor of Elections to amend the Elections Rules and permit General Election ballots to be sent and returned via commercial courier.

In welcoming the amendment, the Supervisor of Elections, Wesley Howell said, “The unprecedented circumstances brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic have created new challenges for postal voters and the Elections Office. Being able to take advantage of commercial courier’s dedicated aircraft and robust international transportation systems is one way we are overcoming these challenges to ensure the General Elections is conducted smoothly.”

The amended rules, gazetted on 1 March 2021, allows the Elections Office to dispatch outgoing postal ballots by DHL Courier and pre-pay the cost of the return ballot from the voter to the Elections Office.

Section 109 of the Elections Act permits Cabinet to amend the Election rules with respect to incidental matters related to taking or voting by post or mobile as well as voter registration.

Registered voters who will be overseas on Election Day are strongly encouraged to apply for postal ballots at their earliest opportunity. The deadline for applications is 6 April 2021. Forms are available on [elections.ky](http://elections.ky) and, once completed, the forms can be emailed to [office@elections.ky](mailto:office@elections.ky).

Postal voters are reminded to return their ballots as soon as possible as they must be received by the Elections Office in Grand Cayman or Cayman Brac no later than Tuesday, 13 April.

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