



ELECTIONS OFFICE

CAYMAN ISLANDS



CANDIDATE
and AGENT
BRIEFING

20 MARCH 2021



Agenda

- Key dates
- Mobile & Postal Voting
 - Agents
- Proceedings at the polls
 - The count
- Elections Expenses

KEY DATES

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| MON, 22 MAR 2021 | MOBILE POLLING – WBN/WBW/WBC/WBS |
| TUES, 23 MAR 2021 | MOBILE POLLING – SAV/NEW/BTW/BTE |
| WED, 24 MAR 2021 | MOBILE POLLING - GTS/PROS/GTN |
| THURS, 25 MAR 2021 | MOBILE POLLING -RED/GTW/GTC/GTE |
| FRI, 26 MAR 2021 | MOBILE POLLING - NS/EE |
| THURS, 1 APR 2021 | OFFICIAL LIST OF ELECTORS PUBLISHED |
| TUES, 6 APRIL 2021 | DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR POSTAL & MOBILE VOTING |
| WED, 7 APRIL 2021 | LAST DAY TO ISSUE POSTAL BALLOTS |
| THURS, 8 APR 2021 | MOBILE POLLING – GTN/GTC/GTW/GTE/GTS/PRO/RED/NS/EE/LC/CBE |
| FRI, 9 APR 2021 | MOBILE POLLING – WBN/WBW/WBS/WBC/SAV/NEW/BTW/BTE/CBW |
| SAT, 10 APR 2021 | MOBILE POLLING - ELECTORS IN ISOLATION (ALL DISTRICTS) |
| SUN, 11 APRIL 2021 | MOBILE POLLING - ELECTORS IN ISOLATION (ALL DISTRICTS) |
| WED, 14-APR-2021 | GENERAL ELECTION DAY |
| WED, 19-MAY-2021 | CANDIDATE ELECTIONS EXPENSE RETURNS DUE |





- Same rules as polling day
- Fixed and Mobile Stations
- Must be applied for – Form C
- Mobile (bus) polling at Home/Hospital/Nursing Home for elderly medical/special needs
- Fixed Mobile for workers, service, agents, inter island travelers
- 8am – 1pm Fixed (Grand Cayman) – 9am – 1pm Sister Islands
- 9am – 6pm Mobile (bus)
- Continue the next day – 9am to 6pm if incomplete

POSTAL VOTING

- Postal Ballot Deadline 6 April 2021
- Last day of issue 7 April 2021
- 242 postal ballots have been requested to date
- Dispatched via DHL with Prepaid return airway bill
- Must be applied for and only available for persons outside of the Cayman Islands
- Strongly recommended for voters with plans to travel back to Cayman in the weeks running up to April 14th.



AGENT APPOINTMENTS

- Candidates may appoint two (2) Polling Agents per polling station
- Candidates may appoint two Counting Agents per counting station
- Counting and Polling agents must be registered electors in the electoral district
- Candidates may appoint one Election Agent “Super Agent” who does not have to be a registered voter in the electoral district.





- Polling starts at 7am sharp
- Agents must be sworn in before remaining in the polling station during the polls. (**arrive early**)
- One polling agent per candidate at a time
- Can only overlap in polling station for 15 minutes with the Candidate or another agent
- Can leave and re-enter
- Cannot re-enter polling station after 5pm
- No Phones, computers or tablets





- Candidates may appoint **two (2)** counting agents per counting station
- Both counting agents can be present at the count in addition to the Candidate or the Election agent.
- Concurrent counting by the Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer in some Electoral Districts.

POLITICAL SIGNS & ADVERTS

- No political broadcast, election advertising or political announcement is permitted on a polling day



Elections Act (2021 Revision)

Section 75

Political broadcasts and political announcements

- 75.** (1) A political broadcast or political announcement shall not include —
- (a) any matter in contravention of the Laws of the Islands;
 - (b) any abusive comment upon any race or religion;
 - (c) any blasphemous, obscene, indecent or profane matter;
 - (d) any scandalous or defamatory matter;
 - (e) any scenes of nudity, eroticism, crime or violence;
 - (f) any scenes or sounds of private grief or human suffering; or
 - (g) any harrowing sights or sounds.
- (2) During a political broadcast or political announcement, there shall be indicated visually or aurally as may be appropriate having regard to the mode of the broadcast or announcement —
- (a) the name of the political party or candidate (as the case may be) responsible for the broadcast or announcement; and
 - (b) the fact that the broadcast or announcement has been paid for.



POLLING STATION LAYOUT



- Four booths, one wheelchair accessible.
- Agents will be positioned to that they may observe voting
- Presiding officer is responsible for the conduct of the room.

- Start time 7pm - Tally sheets will be provided
- Simultaneous counting by Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer in (WBC, WBN, GTN, GTC, GTW, GTS, New, Sav, BTE, BTW)
- Two Counting agents per candidate per counting station
- Count must be witnessed by candidate or agent or two electors.
- The count will be conducted by ballot box – a ballot box is finalized before moving on
- A candidate may request a recount immediately upon the completion of the count of a ballot box.



THE COUNT

| VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---|
| 1 | BROWN | |
| 2 | JONES | X |
| 3 | SMITH | |

Allow

| VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------|
| 1 | BROWN Rita | Rita |
| 2 | JONES John | |
| 3 | SMITH George | |

Allow



THE COUNT

| VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1 | BROWN | |
| 2 | JONES | x x x |
| 3 | SMITH | |

Allow

| VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|----------|
| 1 | BROWN | <i>l</i> |
| 2 | JONES | |
| 3 | SMITH | |

Allow



THE COUNT

| VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|---|
| 1 | BROWN | |
| 2 | JONES | |
| 3 | SMITH | 3 |


Allow

| VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|---|
| 1 | BROWN | 1 |
| 2 | JONES | 2 |
| 3 | MORRIS | 4 |
| 4 | SMITH | 3 |

Reject



THE COUNT

| VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | BROWN |  |
| 2 | JONES | |
| 3 | SMITH | |

Allow

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| 1 | BROWN | |
| 2 | JONES | |
| 3 | MORRIS | |
| 4 | SMITH | |

Reject



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| 1 | BROWN | |
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| 3 | MORRIS | |
| 4 | SMITH | |


Allow for Jones

| VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY | | |
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| 1 | BROWN | No |
| 2 | JONES | |
| 3 | SMITH | |

Reject



THE COUNT

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- “election expenses” means expenses incurred by a candidate in respect of the conduct or management of an election contested by that candidate, after nomination.
- Maximum election expense expenditure CI\$40,000 per candidate
- Reporting template, inclusive of guidance notes was distributed on Nomination Day
- Candidate Expense Report Due - 19 May 2021



A person who incurs, aids, abets, counsels or procures any other person to incur any expenses in contravention of this election expenses or knowingly makes a false declaration commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of five thousand dollars.

ACT
Against Corruption Today

If you sell or buy votes with...

| | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MONEY  | BENEFITS  |
| HOME GOODS  | FOOD  |

You will be rewarded with...

| | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ARREST  | FINES  | IMPRISONMENT  |
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If you have any information on election corruption please contact the **Elections Office** at **1-345-949-8047**.

ACC
Anti-Corruption Commission


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BRIBERY, TREATING, UNDUPLICATE INFLUENCE

A person who commits the offence of bribery, treating or undue influence, or of procuring, counselling, aiding or abetting any such offence is liable on summary conviction before a magistrate to a fine of two thousand dollars or to imprisonment for twelve months.



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CANDIDATE PLEDGE



As an electoral candidate in the Cayman Islands I recognize that corruption is a complex economic, political and social challenge that threatens democracy, sustainable development, the rule of law, and the welfare and health of our citizens, and that the corrosive influence of corruption extends to the spread of financial crime and other illicit activities that pose threats to the security, good order and well-being of our society;

I believe and reaffirm the need to establish and nurture a culture of integrity among citizens, public officials and private sector officials; and

I pledge to do my part as a responsible candidate by saying no to corruption and reporting any incidents of corruption or election-related offences to the Anti-Corruption Commission or the Elections Office.

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ANTI-CORRUPTION PLEDGE

Corruption has no place in our society, let alone during elections. During this 2021 Election period we encourage all voters, candidates, and supporters to take the ACT pledge put a stop to the misuse of entrusted power for private gain.

Take the pledge, take a selfie of themselves with the pledge and post on social media in support of this initiative with the hashtag #ACTCayman2021.

For more info go to
www.anticorruptioncommission.ky/education



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Thank you

QUESTIONS?