



## BRIEFING NOTES

# VOTER REGISTRATION WEEKEND

**3 - 4 FEBRUARY 2024**

**08H00 - 17H00**

**REGISTER TO VOTE**

**ANC**



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Freedom and Advance a Better Life for All  
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**A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL**

1. Making sure that ANC supporters are registered, is key to our January 8 Task of ensuring a Decisive ANC Victory in the 2024 Elections.
2. There are just over 27 million people on the voters roll, but there are 14 million young people that are not registered, according to the IEC.
3. Young people often don't know that they are supposed to register to vote, and often get swept up in the enthusiasm of the last days of elections campaigning, only to be disappointed that they are not registered and therefore not on the voters roll.
4. The Registration Final Push is about reaching out to young people and convince them and get them to register. Over a million of them are in high schools and technical schools and they will turn 18 by April this year. Even if they are 17 today, as long as they turn 18 by May 2024, we must ensure they have IDs and get them registered. The IEC allows voters to register from the age of 16, even though they can only vote once they turn 18, but the earlier the better.
5. The same goes for students in the post school education and training sector (PSET), universities, TVET and Community Education and Training colleges. They have IDs, but must be convinced to register. They are tech savvy, and we should therefore focus on their online registration.
6. Many of them are concerned about the **National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS)** issues this year (and some of the hangovers from last year):
  - The NSFAS is open to all students accepted at university or TVET whose households earn below R350,000 per year. Over 1.7 million students have already applied for NSFAS funding for studies this year, and nearly a million have already been processed. The date for closing has now been extended to 15 February 2024.
  - This year, the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) will also provide funding in the form of loans, to 62 000 students

whose households do not qualify for NSFAS grants, and earn less than R600,000.

- Application forms can be found on [www.nsfas.org.za](http://www.nsfas.org.za)
- NSFAS covers tuition, accommodation, text books and equipment.
- Government is ensuring that the delays in processing applications and payments are minimize, so that students can concentrate on learning.

7. Young people who are working or who are not in school and not in employment, and unemployed form a large part of the 14 million young people that we must reach. In this regard, we must explain:

- Creation of public employment through such programmes as the Expanded Public Works Programmes and Community Works Programme, as well as the Presidential Employment Stimulus.
- We are working to ramp up the National Youth Service programme, through partnerships with the SANDF and private sector, targeting those who lost out, matriculants as well as graduates, since this will be linked to industrialization.
- Government continue to support small business, and this year the Department of Small business will fund thousands of small businesses and cooperatives.
- Community Education and Training Centres (at least one per province and being expanded to one per district and metro) will allow second chance opportunities to those who failed Matric or want to improve their grades.

8. Key messages on registration for young people:

*Take the future into your hands. One of the most powerful and meaningful ways to do so is to vote.*

*Register to vote and make your views, your voice and your choice count.”  
If you don’t register and vote, other people will decide your future for the next five years.*

*Voting is a first step – and a necessary step – towards building the South Africa you want.*

## VOTER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITIES

9. Visiting people in their houses – through door-to-door work – is a critical part towards a decisive ANC victory.

10. Key messages that we need to get across in these engagements:

- In our first 30 years in government, we have come very far in undoing the damage of apartheid. We moved fast and achieved a lot.
- We worked hard to change our country, build our economy, care for the poor, develop our people and deliver the services you need. The community and town you live in, is very different from what it was 30 years ago.
- We know much more needs to be done. Since 2008, we have been slowed down by world economic crises, corruption and crime, deep poverty, and weak monitoring and improvement of service delivery. Our weaknesses and divisions also hurt our performance.
- In the last five years, the ANC faced and addressed our weaknesses, and our focus is very sharply on you and your needs. Covid set us back, but we survived and are ready to continue the fight for a better life for all.
- We are working hard to ensure that services are delivered on time and regularly, and that our employees in government are responsive and held accountable.

11. Our priorities as an ANC government remain to:

- Grow our economy to create more jobs, especially for young people and improve the lives of our people.
- Improve services (education, health, housing, water, electricity, roads and other infrastructure), social grants, food security and work opportunities.
- Ensure that all our children have a chance to get decent education, skills and economic opportunities. For example, we are already seeing with the introduction of just one year of Grade R, children are performing better.

- Build and maintain roads, railways, water and electricity supply
  - Rid our country of violent crime, Gender based violence and clean out corruption in government and society.
12. We want to know whether all living in each house who are 17 and over have IDs and are registered to vote. We can help voters to check online if they are registered, if they are registered in the right place and to help them if they are not at the IEC portal:

*<https://registertovote.elections.org.za/voter-online-registration/voter-identity>*

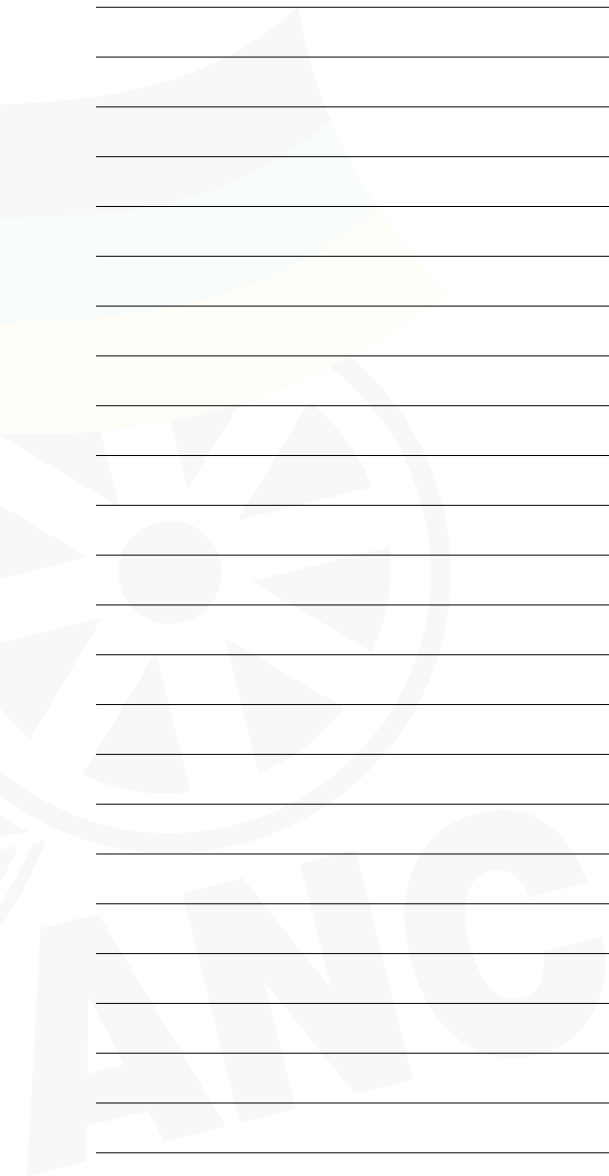
13. Taking part in elections is very important, because it help every citizen to have their say, in who will govern them for the next five years and what policies will be implemented.
14. We all have a responsibility to be part of together building a better South Africa, by ensuring we all register, participate in elections and vote, and ensure that our elections are free, peaceful and fair.

## **ANC – OUR HOPE FOR A BETTER LIFE AND FUTURE**

15. There are lots and lots of smaller parties jumping up all over the place, over 300 registered with the IEC, as we speak.
16. Some of them – like the Moonshot Alliance led by the DA - are very clear that they are about removing the ANC so they can reverse key transformation policies, that benefit the majority.
17. Some of these parties may be formed by people who used to be in the ranks of the ANC and left for some reason or the other. We must understand that as the ANC renews and cleanse itself, there may be some who no longer feel comfortable in its ranks.

18. However, they still want to use the ANC symbols and even our policies to advance themselves. We should not be fooled by such people.
19. After 112 years of existence, the people know who and what the ANC is, what it stands for and what it has done.
20. The ANC has always been about the people, and about building a better life for all. We knew in 1994 when we started this journey together, it would not be an easy walk. But, we persevered and 30 years later South Africa is a better place.
21. As we therefore move to start the journey of the next 5 and 30 years, we must walk together with the ANC, so that we do better and create that brighter and better future we all want.
22. As our President, Cde Cyril Ramaphosa said last week at the NEC Lekgotla:  
***The path ahead will not be easy. But we should never doubt the capacity of the ANC-led Alliance to unite our members and supporters together with all patriots in order to defend and advance the gains of freedom and build a better life for all.***

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