Information for Voters

As a citizen of Nauru, and aged over 20, you must vote on Election Day unless you are out of Nauru on Election Day, are seriously ill or infirm, or have a reason that is valid and sufficient.

You must vote in the district in which you are registered.

Not voting is an offence - you will be asked to explain why and may have to pay a fine.

Assisted Voting

If you have difficulty reading, are vision impaired or have any other physical disability you may:

Appoint a person or an election official who may accompany you to the polling booth.

That person can help you to mark the ballot paper for you.

They must not tell who you voted for.

Overseas? (Proxy Voting)

If you won't be in Nauru on Election Day, you can apply to the Electoral Commissioner for a proxy voting authorization through appointed witnesses or Consulate/Embassy or Legal Practitioner. (see fact sheet on proxy voting)

Mobile Voting (Special Needs)

If you cannot come to the voting place because you are ill, infirm, or approaching maternity you can ask the NEC to visit you instead.

Applications must be at least 2 days before the Election Day. (see fact sheet on mobile voting)
On Election Day Voting is from 9am to 6pm

To vote you must bring ID!
- Driver's license
- Student Card
- Passport
- Insurance Policy
- Employment Card ID
- Birth Certificate
- Bank Card
If you don’t have one of these you will be asked a set of questions to confirm your identity.

How to vote:
- There will be someone at the voting place to show you what to do.
- The official will find your name on the voter roll and cross it off and get you to sign by your name and give you a ballot.
- They will put ink on your finger as a security measure. It is illegal to refuse this.

You will then vote in secret behind a screen:
- Mark your ballot paper starting with the number “1” for the candidate you prefer most.
- Then mark all candidates in order of your preference.
- When you have marked your ballot paper, fold it in half to keep your vote secret.
- Put the ballot in the ballot box.

To ensure your Vote is counted you must:
- Number all the boxes for every candidate
- Write clear numbers making it easy to read
- Not write anything to reveal your identity

Otherwise your vote will be invalid and will not count.

While at the polling station, you must not tell anyone how you voted.