

COUNTING AND RESULTS

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS



Counting normally takes place at the voting station where the votes are cast.

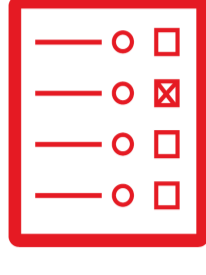
Party agents, independent ward candidate agents and observers oversee the entire counting and results process and are present at all times.

HOW COUNTING WORKS



1 VERIFY

All ballot boxes allocated to a voting station are accounted for. Sealed ballot boxes are opened and emptied.



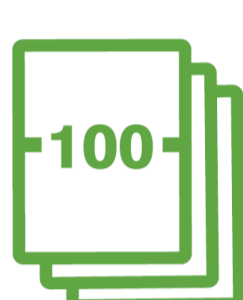
2 UNFOLD

Each ballot paper is unfolded and checked for the Electoral Commission security stamp. Ballots without stamps are not counted.



3 SORT

All ballot papers are grouped according to colours representing the type of election (District, Local/Metro and Ward). The ballots are sorted into piles according to votes for each party and each ward candidate.



4 COUNT & BUNDLE

The ballots are counted and bundled into packs of 100. The results are counted for each party or candidate.

HOW RESULTS ARE DECLARED



5 RECONCILE

The results for the various parties or candidates are reconciled against the number of ballots received and the total number of ballots cast at that voting station.



6 SIGN RESULTS SLIPS

Results slips are signed by the counting officer, independent ward candidate agents and party agents. A copy of the results slip is posted on the door of each voting station. The other copy is transported to the local Electoral Commission office where it is scanned and captured in the results system. The results are also verified by independent external auditors.



7 RESULTS CENTRES

The results centres are there for political party representatives and independents to monitor the voting, counting and results process. Parties have the opportunity to raise objections to any alleged irregularities. Other stakeholders present include the media and observers.



8 FINAL RESULTS

The final results and seat allocation for Metro and Local Councils are announced by the Commission within 7 days of the election. District Councils are formed later once the local councils have been constituted and have elected representatives to the District Council.



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