



## CONDUCT OF OVERSEAS VOTING FOR THE 2019 PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ELECTION

1. **Overseas voting** for the **2019 Philippine National Election** will be from **13 April to 13 May 2019**.
  - Voting opens on 13 April, at 9:00 a.m. SGT
  - Voting closes on 13 May, at 6:00 p.m. SGT
2. Only persons whose names are on the **Certified List of Overseas Voters** of the Embassy will be allowed to vote at the Embassy.
3. COMELEC has mandated that the Philippine Embassy (Singapore) will implement the Automated Postal Voting. The following current COMELEC guidelines will apply:
  - Voting ballots shall be enclosed in mailing envelopes, which may be **mailed directly to the voter's address** or **picked up by the voter** at the Embassy, at the voter's option.
  - The **accomplished ballot** must be **enclosed in the official return mailing envelope** and returned to the Embassy, either by mail or by hand.
  - If the voter personally collects the ballot at the Embassy, the voter can accomplish the ballot at the Voting Area at the Embassy. The accomplished ballot must be enclosed in the accompanying return envelope, and submit the sealed ballot in the designated Ballot Receptacle at the Embassy. Unlike during the 2016 Election, Postal Voting does not allow the voter to feed the ballot into the Vote Counting Machine.
  - The received ballot envelopes shall be opened by COMELEC-deputized Embassy officials only on Mondays and Thursdays for feeding into the Vote Counting Machines (VCM) (hours: 9:00 a.m. until completion of received ballots). This procedure can be observed by accredited Watchers.
  - Vote counting and canvassing will be done on 13 May, starting at 7:00 p.m. This procedure can be observed by accredited Watchers.
4. The Embassy will conduct an **online updating of mailing addresses** for voters **who want to receive their ballot by mail**.
5. The mailed ballot mailer set will include: (a) Official Ballot, (b) Instruction to voter, (c) Return Envelope for accomplished ballot, (d) COMELEC paper seal for the sealing of the return envelope.