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2022 NATIONAL ELECTION

THE ROLE OF JOINT SECURITY FORCES DURING ELECTIONS





It is the prime function of the Electoral Commission to organize and conduct all elections for the Parliament and the legislative arms of the Local-level Governments Organic Law No 3 of 1993, Article 15

At Polling Booths, the Presiding Officer is the **senior representative** of the PNGEC

Commission's General Order, 21 October 2021

Mission

2.1.1. To ensure the Joint Security Task Force provides a safe and secure environment for the National Election 2022

The PNGEC has defined security priority as:

- polling officials;
- voters;
- ballot papers (used and unused); and
- ballot boxes.

Polling

Polling Booths will operate from 08:00 to 18:00

At 18:00 the Presiding Officer will mark the end of the queue. Anyone **in the queue** at 18:00 **is** allowed vote. Place keeping is forbidden

Separate queues will operate for men and women at each polling booth - Men and women vote with equal priority

Persons with Disability will be given priority within their allocated queue

Crowding/Loitering around the polling booth is forbidden

Access to Polling Booths


1 x Scrutineer per candidate, with *Certificate of Appointment*, is allowed into the Polling Booth

Independent Election Observers, with accreditation, are allowed to enter the polling booth, talk with voters and officials, take notes & photos, but not interfere

Accredited press/media/journalists can enter the Polling booth with permission of the Presiding Officer.


Security Forces are not permitted within the 7-15m perimeter, unless requested by the Presiding Officer

PNGEC Security Scale




STOP

- Fire
- Flood
- Earthquake
- Riot
- Armed violence
- Destruction of ballots and/or ballot box
- Security threat against polling officials
- Death of Polling Team Member
- Election-related death in the Community



ESCALATE

- Growing Restless Crowd
- Candidate supporters being restless
- Insufficient voting materials



GO

- A lone drunk being a nuisance
- Candidate making a loud speech outside
- A scrutineer upsetting other scrutineers
- Storm



2022 NATIONAL GENERAL ELECTION



- ✓ MY COUNTRY!
- ✓ MY RIGHT!
- ✓ TO VOTE!

- EVERY VOICE MATTERS
- MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY
- BE HEARD



“MY COUNTRY MY RIGHT TO VOTE FOR A HEALTHY NATION”

THANK YOU FOR WORKING WITH THE ELECTION COMMISSION TO SECURE THE INTERESTS OF THE VOTING POPULATION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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