

Voting Information

Elections are taking place in the Turks and Caicos Islands on 15th December 2016 in which you have the opportunity to elect members to serve in the House of Assembly.

There have been no changes in the electoral districts and boundaries as well as the addition of a new 'All Islands' district. There are now ten Electoral Districts across the Turks and Caicos Islands, this means that there are ten seats in the House of Assembly, one for each electoral district. A further five seats are available for All Island members who will represent the islands as a whole. There will be political party candidates and there could also be independent candidates who are not aligned to any political party.

In this election you have the opportunity to vote for **ONE** electoral district candidate in the area where you are registered and for up to **FIVE** All Islands district candidates.

Polling stations are open between 7am and 7pm; on the day of the election you should go to your designated polling station. A notice giving details of polling stations will be published after nominations of candidates have closed. Make sure you do not leave it too late; no voters may be admitted to a polling station after 7pm. If you are at the wrong polling station, you will be directed to the correct one. Make sure that you take some form of photo identification with you such as your TC Islander status card, passport, NIB card or drivers licence. If you do not have any of these take your birth certificate. The polling stations are staffed by election officials including a presiding officer and a poll clerk.



Counting the votes

The votes will be counted at the polling stations after they have closed. The Electoral District ballot papers will be counted separately from the All Island district votes. After the All Islands ballot papers have been counted, the ballots and results will be transported to Grand Turk for the final calculation by the Returning Officer.

The candidate who obtains the most votes in each electoral district is elected as a member of the House of Assembly. The five candidates who obtain the most votes in the All Islands district will similarly be elected as members of the House of Assembly.

The official results for each of the districts and the All Islands district will be published in the Gazette.



This information is available in large print

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTING CONTACT

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**TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS
ELECTION
15th December, 2016**

How to Vote



It's easy to vote

- When you go into the polling station, give the poll clerk your name, address and occupation and show them your identity documents.
- The poll clerk will check that your name is on the register of electors at that station. Only persons who are on the register for that polling station are allowed to vote there. It is possible that you may be asked to swear an oath.
- The presiding officer will give you two ballot papers, one for the individual Electoral District and one for the All Islands district. The candidate's names are listed alphabetically on both ballot papers. The candidates may also have symbols alongside their names so that they are easily recognizable. Any independent candidate who does not have a symbol will have the word 'independent' or 'IND' shown against their name. All ballot papers will be marked by the presiding officer with his or her initials to show that they are genuine ballot papers.
- The presiding officer will show you how to make your vote on the ballot papers and fold the papers. It is important that the ballot papers are folded correctly so that no one can see who you are voting for. The officer will also ask you to return the ballot papers to him or her as folded when you have marked your papers.

ALL ISLANDSBALLOT PAPER

GENERAL ELECTIONS

No. 00000

All Islands District

Consecutive number given voter in Official List of Voters _____
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Ballot Paper

Polling Day _____

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2	Young Voted	2	Young Voted	2	Young Voted	2	Young Voted
3	Young Voted	3	Young Voted	3	Young Voted	3	Young Voted
4	Young Voted	4	Young Voted	4	Young Voted	4	Young Voted
5	Young Voted	5	Young Voted	5	Young Voted	5	Young Voted
6	Young Voted	6	Young Voted	6	Young Voted	6	Young Voted
7	Young Voted	7	Young Voted	7	Young Voted	7	Young Voted
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10	Young Voted	10	Young Voted	10	Young Voted	10	Young Voted

ELECTORAL DISTRICT BALLOT PAPER

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Polling Day _____

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1		GREEN, Martha Lawyer, Leeward	
2		JAMES, John P. Shoemaker, Bottle Creek	X
3		ROBINSON, Peter F. Carpenter, Kiw	
4		SMITH, George R. Mechanic, Grand Turk	

- Your votes are secret; no one other than you is allowed to see your vote; you must go into an individual voting booth and vote as follows:
 - On the white ballot paper, choose ONE candidate. Using the pencil provided, mark the paper by placing a mark (X) in the box opposite the name of the candidate of your choice. **Important:** if you vote for more than one candidate your vote will not count.
 - On the Purple All Islands ballot paper, choose up to but not more than **FIVE** candidates. You do not have to use all five votes. Using the pencil provided, mark the paper by placing a mark (X) in the box opposite the names of the candidates of your choice. **Important:** if you vote for more than five candidates your vote will not be counted.

Read the instructions posted in your voting booth and ask the polling station staff if you have any questions or concerns, or if you need additional help or guidance.

If you make a mistake that you are unable to correct, ask the presiding officer for a new ballot paper. Your old ballot will be marked "Spoiled" and will not be counted.

- Fold the ballot papers as shown by the presiding officer so that no one can see your votes and show them to the officer to check that they are the same ballot papers. If it is the same ballot paper the presiding officer will instruct you to deposit them into the ballot boxes. **Important:** There is a different ballot box for each colour of ballot paper, one for the individual electoral district (white) and one for the All Islands district (purple).
- The officer will mark your finger with an Ink. You have now completed your vote; leave the polling station immediately to allow other voters access so that they can vote.

Additional help may be provided for people who are blind, unable to read or write, or have some other physical incapacity. Anyone with a physical disability, which hinders their ability to independently mark the ballot papers, The Presiding officer will assist.