



Presidential Election 2022

Supplementary Notes

Polling Station Secretaries' Handbook Voting at Parallel Polling Centres



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Part 1 - Introduction and overview

1.1 For the 2022 presidential election, voting facilities will be provided at three “Parallel Polling Centres” located in Dili. Certain voters who would otherwise have had to travel to a municipality outside Dili to vote will instead be able to vote at a specified Parallel Polling Centre. To do that, they will have to have registered with STAE to use the service.

1.2 There will be three Parallel Polling Centres:

- one for voters registered in the municipalities of Lautem, Baucau and Viqueque;
- one for voters registered in the municipalities of Manatuto, Liquica, Aileu, Ermera and Atauro; and
- one for voters registered in the municipalities of Ainaro, Bobonaro, Covalima, Manufahi and the Special Administrative Region of Oe-Cusse Ambeno.

Part 2 - Differences between polling at a normal Polling Centre and polling at a Parallel Polling Centre

2.1 In general polling and counting at a Parallel Polling Centre will proceed in the same way as at a normal Polling Centre, as described in the *Polling Centre Presidents’ Handbook* and the *Polling Station Secretaries’ Handbook*. There will, however, be the following differences.

- STAE will provide each Parallel Polling Centre with a list of people entitled to vote there, which will take the place of the voter list used at a normal Polling Centre.
- People who vote at a Parallel Voting Centre must produce their voter card: they will not have the option available at a normal Polling Centre of producing a valid Timorese identity card or Timorese passport instead of a voter card.
- The Identification Officer must punch the voter’s voter card, using a punch provided by STAE.
- A voter who does not appear on the list of voters provided by STAE will not be able to vote at the Parallel Polling Centre, even if his or her voter registration card shows an address in one of the municipalities covered by the Centre in question.
- At a normal Polling Centre, the right to vote may also be exercised by members of the armed forces, members of the security forces, fiscals, civil servants and agents of the public administration (including polling staff) who are providing support to the administration of the election; election observers and monitors; media professionals covering the election; and local staff of diplomatic missions (who may be supporting the observation of the election process by foreign diplomat). The opportunity for such person to vote will also be provided at Parallel Polling Centres, with the same procedures applying as at a normal Polling Centre.