

Citizenship Lobby Group Update #10

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Dear All

Remember, you have the right to vote if you have been resident in Zimbabwe since at least December 31, 1985.

Multiple Notices of Objection

Many people have received more than one of these notices. If you have missed the deadline on your first notice, make sure to get your appeal in on time using the second one.

Internet access to updates

CLG updates are now available on the civic and human rights website, www.kubatana.net. They are archived under the *Elections* sector and can be viewed at the following address: http://www.kubatana.net/html/archive/arch_index.asp?sector=ELEC

A fact sheet for the Citizenship Lobby Group can be viewed at: <http://www.kubatana.net/html/sectors/cit001.asp?sector=ELEC>

kubatana regularly sends out newsletters containing civic and human rights information. If you would like to be on their mailing list, email nnap@kubatana.org.zw.

Email support

Please provide the following information when you email bnb@zol.co.zw:

- your name
- telephone number
- date since which you've been permanently resident of Zimbabwe (should be since at least December 31, 1985)
- which city/district you reside in
- when you received your Notice of Objection
 - Date on Notice
 - Postmark on envelope
 - Date on registered slip
 - Date registered slip collected
 - Date Notice collected
- Date appeal lodged OR Date appeal refused and reason
- whether you have received more than one objection notice

Telephone support

Di Mitchell has volunteered to receive information on the receipt of Notices of Objection by telephone.

She requests that you observe the following points **before** calling her on **(04)-494363**:

- Only provide details for people who have been resident in Zimbabwe since at least Dec 31, 1985 and have voted before (ie have a legitimate claim to vote)
- Collect the following information from as many people affected as you possibly can before calling:

- your name
- telephone number

- date since which you've been a permanent resident of Zimbabwe

Bulawayo

Appeals are apparently lodged at Room 12 at the Passport Building .

Unusual incidents

A couple of reports have come in regarding unusual demands made by staff at Market Square in Harare. Have you experienced anything similar?

- *Demand that the appeal is made by the appellant in person.*
This seems highly unusual if one can lodge an appeal by registered mail - the writer said:

No mention is made on the form that the person in question must present their objection in person. A member of our company took 2 separate sets of documents to Market Square, and was given a hard time. They stated that the objection had to be made in person. He however talked his way around this, and managed to get the receipts as required.

- *Payment by money order refused*
The writer said:

Imagine my anger when this time my messenger was told that they would not accept my money orders, because they were only taking hard cash. This I might add when the registered letter from them said that the fifty dollars had to be paid in the form of a money order.

What to do if you've been refused the opportunity to appeal

Make sure you've submitted your details to either myself on email bnb@zol.co.zw or Di Mitchell on telephone 494363. Please ensure that you are eligible to vote before contacting us.

Write to the Registrar-General at Private Bag 7734, Causeway
Copy your complaint to a civil society organisation like

- Zimbabwe Election Support Network (ZESN), P.O. Box BE630, Belvedere, Harare or
- Legal Resources Foundation (LRF), P.O. Box 918, Harare

Legal appeals - class actions

These are underway and being handled by Bryant Elliot of Gill, Godlonton & Gerrans. We will submit your details to him as he requires.

Harare & Chitungwiza Mayoral/Council Elections

To vote in these elections you have to be on the common voters roll. You should have registered to vote by the date the roll was closed - that was Jan 10, 2002.