

**Deputy High Commission for Bangladesh**  
**Kolkata**

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**Procedure for applying for postal ballot papers**

1. According to the Article 27 of the Representation of the People Order, 1972, voters can apply for postal ballot papers to the Returning Officer in any manner. But Returning Officer would send the ballots to voters through postal service (i.e., Returning Officer directly sending postal ballot to the applicant's current address by post).
2. After casting the vote, the voters would send back the ballot to the Returning Officer through postal service.
3. Therefore, interested voters abroad can apply to the Returning Officer on a white paper informing his details (Bangladeshi address and NID number) as well as his present address (e.g., his current place of residence abroad). The postal ballot will be posted to the present address by the Returning Officer.
4. Mentioning NID number in the application is a must to identify the interested voter in the voters' roll.
5. List of Returning Officers and Assistant Returning Officers is attached in a separate document.

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