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CONGRATULATIONS!

1996
IS YOUR YEAR!

YOU'LL HELP ELECT YOUR PRESIDENT
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YOUR LIFE.

**IF YOU VOTE....
RUSSIA WILL LISTEN!**

What if I will be away from my normal residence on election day?

If you're a student or post-graduate student of a day form of study your name will be added to the list of voters at the location of the dormitory. Similar accommodations are made for voters in the military or who are staying in sanitariums, spas, hospitals or other institutions. If you will be outside the Russian Federation, check with your local administrative offices for more information.

When I go to vote on election day, what will I need to bring with me?

You will need to present some form of identification. Most people use their passport or military identification. But other forms may be acceptable, too. If you are unsure, check with your polling place commission or local administrative office and ask what alternative documents will be acceptable.

What will I see when I arrive at my polling site?

Near the voting area you will see a display sample ballots and information materials on all the candidates and their programs. Inside the voting area you will see a special table where the polling place commission will be working. They will have voter lists, ballots and other documents for their work. There will be others present, too, including representatives of the candidates and electoral associations or blocs who nominated them. There may also be international observers and representatives of the media. You will see a sealed ballot box in plain view, and there will be special secrecy cabins where voters can mark their ballots in private. And, of course, you will see voters, just like yourself.

What is the procedure at the polling station?

WHAT EVERY VOTE NEEDS TO KNOW

When is the election?

The election for president of the Russian Federation will be held on 16 June 1996. Polling hours are from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

How do I know if I am eligible to vote in the election?

Any citizen of the Russian Federation who has reached the age of 18 by election day is eligible to vote for president unless a court has found the person incapable or the person is imprisoned under a court verdict.

Must I do something to register to vote?

There is little you must do. The polling station commission in your neighborhood is responsible to compile a list of the voters for their voting site. They get their information about the names of people who should be on their list from the head of the local administration.

How can I be sure my name is on the list?

Just to make sure your name has not been left out of the list by mistake, you can check it list yourself. At least 30 days before the election, the polling station commission in your area will have the list available for you to look at. If your name is not on the list you can make an application to have your name added. You may be asked to provide your passport or other identification document. The correction will be made on the list. If there is any reason why you cannot be added to the list you will be notified within 24 hours.

What is the procedure at the polling station?

There are 5 simple steps.

1. You will present your identification to the official.
2. The official will find your name on the voter list, and if you request it will enter your identification number on the list. You will be asked to sign the list next to your name.
3. The official will issue you a ballot. Make sure the ballot contains the mark or stamp indicating that it has been certified by the commission. Without this certification, the ballot will not be counted.
4. You will be asked to go to a special place where you will personally mark your ballot in secret. Only one person is to be in this special place at a time.
5. Once you have marked your ballot, you will leave the secrecy area and deposit your ballot into the ballot box which should be in full view of everyone present.

How do I mark my ballot?

On the ballot will be the names of all the candidates and an additional a space that says "None of the Candidates." In front of each choice there will be a blank box. Make your mark inside the box next to your choice. If you make a mistake, go back to the official and ask for a new ballot.

Is there anything else I should do?

LEARN ABOUT THE CANDIDATES!

LEARN ABOUT THEIR PROGRAMS!

VOTE YOUR CONSCIENCE!