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Government will announce voter registration date by Wednesday

Voter registration will begin on 20 April. The Council of Ministers will approve on Tuesday (17 January) the new registration date which should be announced by the following day.

Law No. 5/2013 states that the voter registration period should be announced up to 60 days before it begins, which means that the government has until 18 January to do so.

According to the electoral calendar approved last Thursday, at an ordinary meeting of the National Elections Commission (CNE), the voter registration, lasting for 45 days, should begin on 20 April and end on 3 June of this year, as we had stated in previous editions of this Bulletin (see Bulletins Nos. [5](#) and [11](#))

The postponement of the registration, initially scheduled for 20 February, was due to the late disbursement by the Government of the electoral budget, which caused a delay in importing the registration materials.

In September last year, the consortium which won the tender for importing the voter registration equipment, Lexton-Artes Gráficas, suggested altering the election dates, It proposed two options (see [Bulletin No. 5](#)) and in one of these registration would begin on 20 April.


Pilot Registration will be in Maputo, Manica and Nampula

The pilot registration to test the voter registration equipment will take place in February 2023, and will be held in administrative posts in 15 districts where no municipal elections will be held, according to a decision of the National Elections Commission.

We have ascertained that these will be administrative posts in districts in Maputo, Manica and Nampula provinces, which have yet to be indicated. In each of the provinces five districts will be chosen. These districts will soon be announced.

Holdin the pilot registration in areas where there will be no municipal elections seeks to avoid disturbances and misinterpretation of the event by the voters in the municipalities that would be covered. The problems is that many voters submitted to the pilot registration might not register, alleging that they had already done so in the pilot phase.

The voter registration equipment is already in Maputo. All that is missing is the announcement of the districts where the pilot registration will be held and its dates.

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