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From the President:

VOTING RIGHTS FOR THE SWISS ABROAD

Some confusion exists regarding the Voting Right of the Swiss Abroad. To clarify the position I had an interview with our Ambassador Dr M. von Schenck and Consul Mr P. Graf. Following are the answers to my questions:

1. The Voting Right for the Swiss Abroad comes into force in July 1992.
2. Every Swiss Citizen (male and female) and including Dual Citizenship has the Right to vote provided he/she has fulfilled 18 years of age.
3. Whether a citizen wants to vote or not is entirely voluntary and it is up to each person to decide how deep the affinity with the home country still is.
4. The Right to vote applies only to Federal issues (including National ratswahlen) and excludes all cantonal and communal issues.
5. Every citizen who wants to vote has to apply. At the foot of this page is a cut-out form request slip. Fill it in and send it to the Embassy. They will send you the Registration form.
6. After Registration has been completed the voting commune will mail all voting material and official information directly and it is the voters duty to return it directly to the voting commune and pay the postage.
7. All information regarding voting issues will be regularly published in the Swiss Review. All Swiss citizens registered at the Embassy receive the Swiss Review and should pay particular attention to the pages "Official Communications".
8. The voter can expect to vote 4 times per year.
9. The most likely first issue to vote on will be NEAT (Neue Eisenbahn Alpen Transversale).
10. Do not bombard the Embassy with questions - just follow these instructions.

Please send me a Voting Registration Form

Christian Name(s):

Family Name:

Date of Birth:

Full Postal Address:

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Preferred language: **German - French - Italian** (cross out what is not required)

Cut out this order form and send to:

Embassy of Switzerland
22 Panama Street
Wellington