

**GE13: EC sending out ballot papers for media workers**  
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KUALA LUMPUR: The Election Commission has begun to send out envelopes containing ballot papers to media practitioners to enable them to vote via post in the 13th general election.

EC public relations officer Sabri Said told Bernama that special envelopes containing ballot papers for Parliamentary and State constituency candidates had been issued from April 22 by respective returning officers (RO) where voters registered and cast their ballots.

"The special envelopes were sent to the voters via registered mail by Pos Malaysia Berhad," he said when contacted Wednesday.

He said the ballot papers had to be returned to the election RO by post without postage stamps by 5pm on May 5 at the latest.

"However, the actual number of media practitioners who would be using this facility will only be known after the EC receives the statistics from the RO in each state," he said.

It was earlier reported about 10,000 media workers would be using this facility.

Media workers including journalists, photographers, cameramen and technicians working outside the area where they had registered as voters are eligible to vote by post in the polls this time around.

Besides media practitioners, others eligible to vote by post are military and police personnel working outside their postal areas, absent voters - namely civil servants working in foreign missions and full-time students overseas and their spouses - Malaysians registered voters residing abroad and EC workers.

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