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ELECTION COMMISSION OF BHUTAN

*(Ensuring Free, Fair & Democratic Elections & Referendums)*



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## NOTIFICATION

### **Final Delimitation Order for the National Assembly Constituencies of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2017**

The Delimitation Commission of Bhutan, established under Article 24 (4) of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Bhutan, is pleased to hereby issue the Final Delimitation Order for the Delimitation of the National Assembly Constituencies of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2017.

The total number of National Assembly seats in the twenty Dzongkhags shall be maintained at the existing 47 constituencies and the territorial boundaries without change.

The Draft Delimitation Plan was issued for public information vide **DC/CHAIR/2017/3833** dated **6<sup>th</sup> of November 2017** with views and suggestions sought and received at the public hearings conducted in all the twenty Dzongkhags between 20<sup>th</sup> of November and 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2017. The Public Hearings in the 20 Dzongkhags were attended by the Gups, Mangmis, Thrompons, Goshay Nyenshays from the Gewogs and Thromdes, Dzongdags and Dzongkhag Officials. All the responses received from the public were deliberated upon by the Delimitation Commission in its 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting conducted on 15<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of December 2017 before arriving at the Final Delimitation Order.

The deliberations were guided by the legal provisions related to the allocation of the National Assembly seats and determination of the constituency boundaries

provided in The Constitution, Election Act, and the *Delimitation of Demkhong Rules and Regulations of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2012* which specifically provides that:

*4.1. Boundaries shall be drawn so that Demkhongs within a Dzongkhag are, as far as possible, equal in the number of registered voters, resulting in equivalent weight of the votes cast by every voter.*

*However, other factors prescribed below may also be taken into consideration.*

*4.2. A Demkhong shall correspond, wherever possible, to the existing administrative units and boundaries to facilitate benefits from integration within the territorial area.*

*4.3. The means of communication and travel within a Demkhong needs to be taken into account in delimiting Demkhongs.*

*4.4. Geographical and landmark features such as mountains, rivers and main roads shall be taken into account in delimiting Demkhongs.*

*4.5. Demkhongs shall be unbroken and inter-connected to facilitate easier interaction of political parties and candidates with their electorates.*

*4.6. The final delimitation process will, as far as possible, take into consideration the size, remoteness as well as sparseness of population*

*7.4 The Delimitation Commission shall, for the allocation of National Assembly Seats, take a total of 10,000 registered voters as the standard size of a National Assembly Demkhong. However, no Dzongkhag shall be allocated less than two and more than seven National Assembly Seats.*

The details of the 47 National Assembly Constituencies in the twenty Dzongkhags are as presented in the *Table 1* below.

**Table 1: National Assembly Constituency Information**

Sl. No.	Dzongkhag	Constituency		Gewogs/Thromde	Registered Voter Population ( <i>8<sup>th</sup> of May 2017</i> )
1.	Bumthang	NA0101	Chhoekhor_Tang	Chhoekhor, Tang, Thromde	5,721
		NA0102	Chhumig_Ura	Chhumig, Ura	3,498
		<b>2</b>		<b>4/1</b>	<b>9,219</b>
2.	Chhukha	NA0201	Bongo_Chapchha	Bjagchhog, Bongo, Chapchha, Darla, Getana	13,512
		NA0202	Phuentshogling	Doongna, Geling, Loggchina Meadtabkha, Phuentshogling, Sampheling, Thromde	10,228
		<b>2</b>		<b>11/1</b>	<b>23,740</b>
3.	Dagana	NA0301	Drukjeygang_Tseza	Drukjeygang, Gozhi, Karna, Khebisa, Largyab, Tshangkha, Tseza, Thromde	11,521
		NA0302	Lhamoi Dzingkha_Tashiding	Dorona, Gesarling, Karmaling (Deorali), Lhamoi Dzingkha, Nichula, Tashiding, Tsenda-Gang	11,327
		<b>2</b>		<b>14/1</b>	<b>22,848</b>

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4.	Gasa	NA0401	Khamaed_Lunana	Khamaed, Lunana	968
		NA0402	Khatoed_Laya	Khatoed, Laya, Thromde	966
		<b>2</b>		<b>4/1</b>	<b>1,934</b>
5.	Haa	NA0501	Bji_Kar-tshog_Uesu	Bji, Kar-tshog, Uesu, Thromde	3,982
		NA0502	Sangbaykha	Gakiling, Samar, Sangbay	3,361
		<b>2</b>		<b>6/1</b>	<b>7,343</b>
6.	Lhuentse	NA0601	Gangzur_Minjey	Gangzur, Khoma, Kurtoed, Minjey, Thromde	7,717
		NA0602	Maenbi_Tsaenkhar	Jarey, Maenbi, Maedtsho, Tsaenkhar	7,644
		<b>2</b>		<b>8/1</b>	<b>15,361</b>
7.	Monggar	NA0701	Dramedtse_Ngatshang	Balam, Chagsakhar, Dramedtse, Na-Rang, Ngatshang, Shermuhoong, Thang-Rong	12,600
		NA0702	Kengkhar_Weringla	Gongdue, Jurmed, Kengkhar, Saling, Silambi	10,254
		NA0703	Monggar	Chhaling, Drepoong, Monggar, Tsakaling, Tsamang, Thromde	10,008
		<b>3</b>		<b>17/1</b>	<b>32,862</b>
8.	Paro	NA0801	Dokar_Sharpa	Dokar, Loong-nyi, Nagya, Sharpa	8,209
		NA0802	Lamgong_Wangchang	Dopshar-ri, Doteng, Hoongrel, Lamgong, Tsento, Wangchang, Thromde	9,512
		<b>2</b>		<b>10/1</b>	<b>17,721</b>

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9.	Pema Gatshel	NA0901	Khar_Yurung	Chhimoong, Chongshing, Dungmaed, Khar, Yurung	9,032
		NA0902	Nanong_Shumar	Nanong, Shumar, Zobel, Thromde	8,809
		NA0903	Nganglam	Chhoekhorling, Dechhenling, Norboogang	6,662
		<b>2</b>		<b>11/1</b>	<b>24,503</b>
10.	Punakha	NA1001	Kabisa_Talog	Barp, Guma, Goenshari, Kabisa, Talog, Toedpaisa, Thromde	9,293
		NA1002	Lingmukha_Toedwang	Chhubu, Dzomi, Lingmukha, Shelnga-Bjemi, Toedwang	6,475
		<b>2</b>		<b>11/1</b>	<b>15,768</b>
11.	Samdrup Jongkhar	NA1101	Dewathang_Gomdar	Dewathang, Gomdar, Orong, Phuentshogthang, Wangphu, Thromde	13,429
		NA1102	Jomotsangkha_Martshala	Langchenphu, Lauri, Martshala, Pemathang, Samrang, Serthig	10,153
		<b>2</b>		<b>11/1</b>	<b>23,582</b>

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12.	Samtse	NA1201	Dophuchen_ Tading	Doomtoed, Dophuchen(Dorokha), Duenchhukha, Tading	12,536
		NA1202	Phuentshogpelri_ Samtse	Norboogang (Chengmari), Phuentshogpelri (Pagli), Samtse, Thromde	10,229
		NA1203	Tashichhoeling	Norgaygang (Bara), Pemaling (Biru), Tashichhoeling (Sipsu), Tendruk (Tendu)	12,376
		NA1204	Ugyentse_ Yoeseltse	Namgyalchhoeling (Lahireni), Yoeseltse, Sang-Ngag-Chhoeling (Chargharey), Ugyentse	9,816
		<b>4</b>		<b>15/1</b>	
13.	Sarpang	NA1301	Gelegphu	Chhuzanggang, Gelegphu, Jigme Chhoeling, Samtenling (Bhur), Serzhong, Tareythang (Taklai), Umling, Thromde	16,283
		NA1302	Shompangkha	Chhudzom (Dovan), Dekiling, Gakiling (Hilley), Senggey, Shompangkha	12,451
		<b>2</b>		<b>12/1</b>	
14.	Thimphu	NA1401	North Thimphu Thromde_ Kawang_ Lingzhi_ Naro_ Soe	North Thimphu Thromde, Kawang, Lingzhi, Naro, Soe	5,446
		NA1402	South Thimphu Thromde_ Chang_ Darkarla_ Ge-nyen_ Maedwang	South Thimphu Thromde, Chang, Darkarla, Ge-nyen, Maedwang	8,124
		<b>2</b>		<b>8/1</b>	

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15.	Trashigang	NA1501	Bartsham_ Shongphu	Bartsham, Bidoong, Yangnyer, Shongphu	10,688
		NA1502	Kanglung_ Samkhar_ Udzorong	Kanglung, Samkhar, Udzorong, Thromde	10,311
		NA1503	Radhi_ Sagteng	Merag, Phongmed, Radhi, Sagteng	9,155
		NA1504	Thrimshing	Kangpar, Thrimshing	6,550
		NA1505	Wamrong	Khaling, Lumang	7,821
		<b>5</b>		<b>15/1</b>	
16.	Trashi Yangtse	NA1601	Boomdeling_ Jamkhar	Boomdeling, Jamkhar, Tongmajangsa (Tomzhang), Yangtse, Thromde	8,793
		NA1602	Khamdang_ Ramjar	Ramjar, Khamdang, Toedtsho, Yalang	8,740
		<b>2</b>		<b>8/1</b>	
17.	Trongsa	NA1701	Draagteng_ Langthil	Draagteng, Korphu, Langthil	5,558
		NA1702	Nubi_ Tangsibji	Nubi, Tangsibji, Thromde	4,163
		<b>2</b>		<b>5/1</b>	
18.	Tsirang	NA1801	Kilkhorthang_ Mendrelgang	Barshong, Kilkhorthang, Mendrelgang, Patshaling (Beteni), Rangthangling, Tsholingkhar, Thromde	11,080
		NA1802	Sergithang_ Tsirangtoed	Doonglagang, Gosarling, Pungtenchhu, Semjong, Sergithang (Pataley), Tsirangtoed	10,527
		<b>2</b>		<b>12/1</b>	

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19.	Wangdue Phodrang	NA1901	Athang_Thedtsho	Athang, Bjenag, Darkar, Gase Tshogongm, Gase Tshowongm, Nahi, Thedtsho, Ruebisa, Thromde	9,249
		NA1902	Nyishog_Saephu	Dangchhu, Gangteng, Kazhi, Nyishog, Phangyuel, Phobji, Saephu	9,635
		<b>2</b>		<b>15/1</b>	<b>18,884</b>
20.	Zhemgang	NA2001	Bardo_Trong	Bardo, Nangkor, Shingkar, Trong, Thromde	10,157
		NA2002	Panbang	Bjoka, Goshing, Ngangla, Phangkhar	7,211
		<b>2</b>		<b>8/1</b>	<b>17,368</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>47</b>		<b>205/20</b>	<b>411,780</b>

The electoral boundary and names of each of the National Assembly Constituencies, drawn in relation with the ground features and the existing Gewog Administrative boundaries, are shown in the Dzongkhag-wise maps at [www.ecb.bt](http://www.ecb.bt) and the responses from the public and the deliberation thereof by the Delimitation Commission in the Press Release being issued simultaneously.

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