

St Vincent and the Grenadines

Background	Name of EMB:	Electoral Office (St Vincent and the Grenadines)
	Status:	Permanent
Establishment of the EMB	Number of commissioners:	None specified
	Number of full-time EMB staff:	Civil servants
	Constitutional and/or legislative provisions for establishment of the EMB:	None specified
	EMB's mandate:	<p>The mandate of the Electoral Office is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to review, update and publish quarterly elections lists in keeping with the provisions of the Representation of the People Act 1982; 2. to issue National Identity Cards to all eligible applicants; 3. to conduct training for electoral officers; 4. to facilitate dialogue with and between political parties in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; and 5. to oversee the conduct of free, fair and transparent general elections in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.
	EMB model:	<p>The Electoral Office is a department of government.</p> <p>There are no commissioners or other persons who are empowered to make decisions regarding electoral matters. Those powers are vested, by law, in the Office of the Supervisor of Elections.</p>
	What standards are established in the constitution or other legislation for democratic legitimacy?	None specified

Appointment, tenure and removals	Provisions for the appointment of commissioners:	The Public Service Commission – the government department that has responsibility for hiring public service workers – appoints all employees, including the supervisor of elections.
	Political status of commissioners:	None specified
	Chair qualifications:	None specified
	Commissioner qualifications:	None specified
	Tenure of chair and commissioners:	None specified
	Provisions for the removal of commissioners:	All persons employed and assigned to the Electoral Office are subject to the provisions of the Civil Service Orders of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.
	Provisions for the appointment of EMB senior staff:	None specified
	Tenure of EMB senior staff:	None specified
	Provisions for the removal of EMB senior staff:	None specified
	Setting and control of EMB's budget:	Funded as a government department.
Funding arrangements	Financial autonomy:	None specified
	Legal provisions for financial autonomy:	None specified
Electoral system	Number of chambers/houses within the legislature:	Unicameral
	Voting system:	FPTP
	Amendments to electoral laws:	None specified
	Drafting of electoral regulations:	The Electoral Office functions like other government departments.
	Electoral dispute resolution mechanisms:	None specified
Other issues:	Administrative autonomy:	The Electoral Office functions like other government departments.
	Women in senior positions:	The current Supervisor of Elections is a woman.
	Administrative structure:	None specified