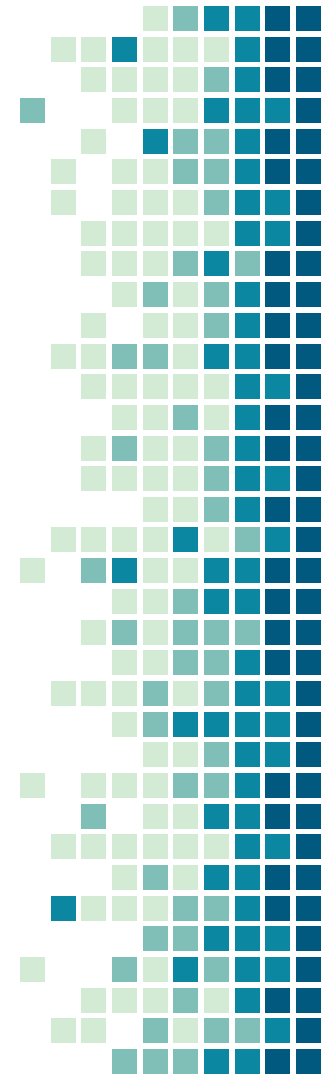




Knowledge of Electoral Issues Political Reporting

In this lesson we will study the following

- **Terms Related to Election**
- **Criteria for Free and Fair Election**
- **Types of Elections**



UNDERSTANDING THE CONCEPTS OF ELECTORAL LINGOES

- **Free and fair election** involves political freedoms and fair processes leading up to the vote, a fair count of eligible voters who cast a ballot (including such aspects as electoral fraud or (voter suppression), and acceptance of election results by all parties.

An election may partially meet international standards for free and fair elections, or may meet some standards but not others.

■ UNDERSTANDING THE CONCEPTS OF ELECTORAL LINGOES ...CONTINUE

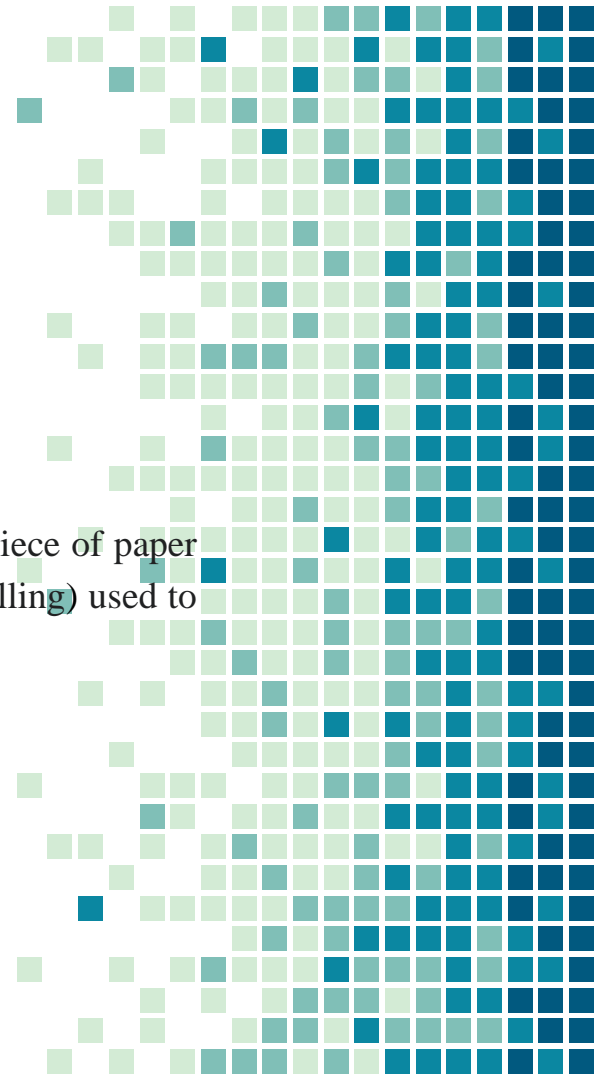
- A **free election** is one in which all citizens are able to vote for the candidate of their choice, and a **fair** election is one in which all votes have equal power and are counted accurately.

There are standards that governments need to meet **before**, **during**, and **after** an election to ensure that an election is free and fair.



THE CONCEPTS OF ELECTORAL LINGOESCONTINUE

- **Returning Officer** is the statutory authority to conduct the polling, counting process and to decide validity of ballot paper and election commission has no power to overrule him or her.
- A **ballot** is a device used to cast votes in an election and may be found as a piece of paper or a small ball used in secret voting It was originally a small ball (see blackballing) used to record decisions made by voters in Italy around the 16th century.



THE CONCEPTS OF ELECTORALCONT.,

- **Electoral Commission-** Is defined as a body responsible for organizing and conduction of elections in a political system. It is an independent and impartial body charged with the responsibility of conducting and organizing elections in a country.
- **Vacant Seat** may arise as result of an incumbent dying or resigning or when incumbent becomes ineligible to continue in office or when an election is invalidated by voting irregularities.

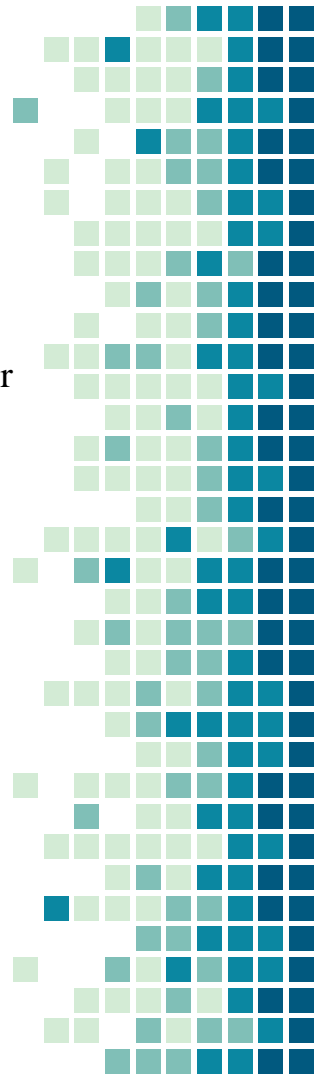
■ TYPES OF ELECTIONS

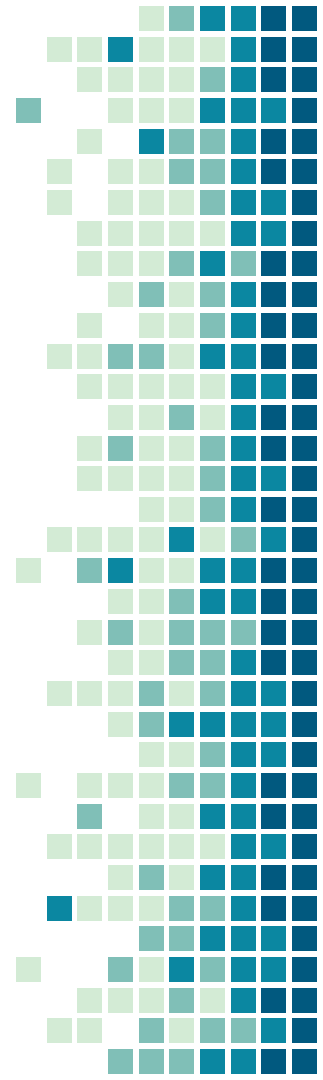
Let us see the different types of Elections

- **General election** –The is one that is held in the whole country. For Example in Tanzania it involves, Presidential, Member of Parliaments and Chancellors. It conducted in every five years.
- **Special Election** –Is held when someone who is already in office can no longer serve and must be replaced. All registered voters in the district can vote in a special election.
- **Primary elections**- are the first elections held in an electoral cycle. A primary election is an election used either to narrow the field of candidates for a given elective office or to determine the nominees for political parties in advance of a general election

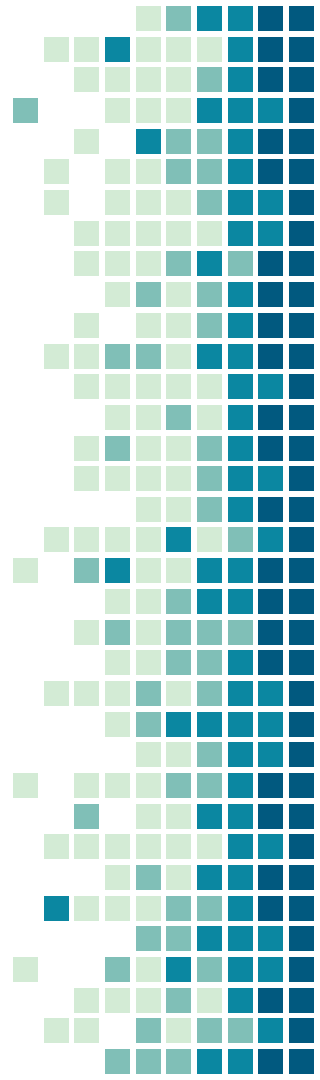
TYPES OF ELECTIONS.....continue

- **Runoff Elections**-is held when no candidate gets 50 percent plus one vote in the primary election.
- **Local Governments Elections**- are held in separate cities and towns within the county.
If you reside within a municipality, you should check with your municipal clerk for the date of your municipal election.





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