

Nelson Mandela was released from prison after 27 years on 11 February 1990. President F.W. de Klerk by 1989 believed that Apartheid was unsustainable and released a number of ANC prisoners, and in 1990 announced Mandela's unconditional release.

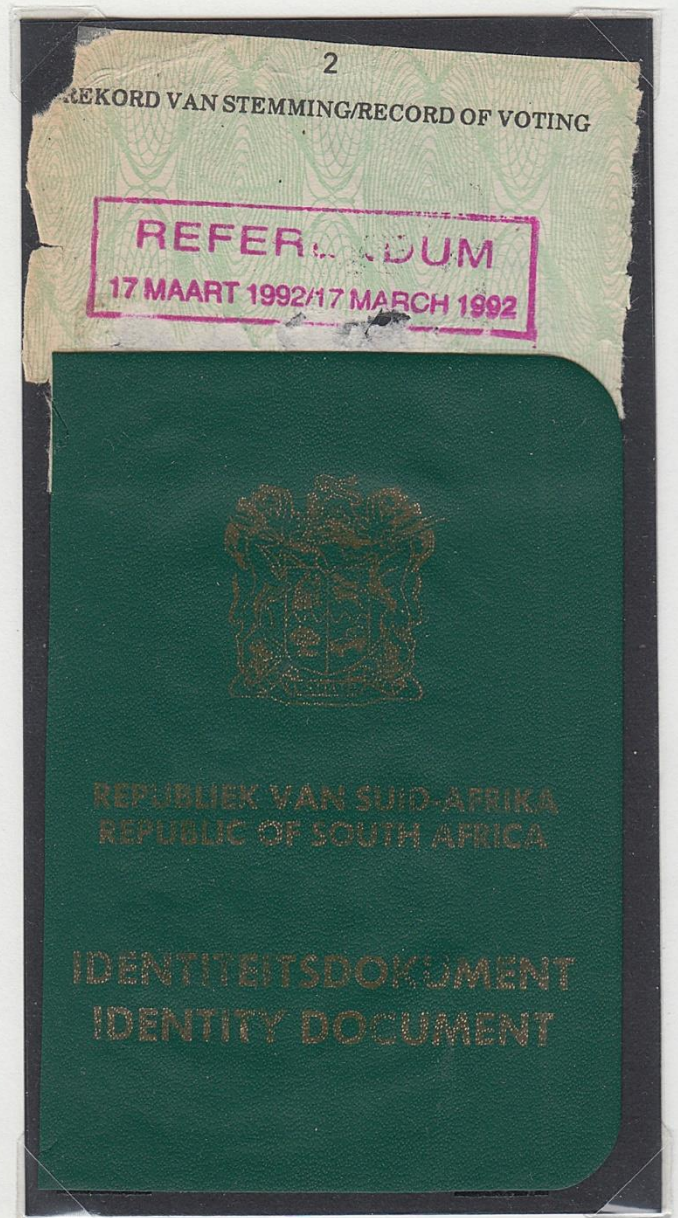
*State President F. W. de Klerk inauguration issue 1989*



(15) 1992 WHITES ONLY REFERENDUM

A Whites only Referendum 'For' or 'Against' a negotiated constitution and on ending Apartheid, was held on 17 March 1992. The Referendum was limited to white South African voters, who were asked whether or not they supported the reforms begun by State President F.W. de Klerk two years earlier in which he proposed to end the Apartheid system that had been implemented since 1948. The result of the referendum was a large victory for the 'yes' side, which ultimately resulted in Apartheid being lifted, and universal suffrage was introduced two years later.

*Cover of a 'white' South Africans Identity Document and a rubber stamp therein recording participation in the 1992 whites only Referendum 17 March 1992*



(16) 1993 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

The 1993 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded jointly to Nelson Mandela and Frederik Willem de Klerk "For their work for the peaceful termination of the Apartheid regime, and for laying the foundations for a new democratic South Africa."

*Nobel Prize, Mandela, de Klerk.*

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