



**Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
Independent Election Commission**

Regulation on Accrediting Political Parties, Independent Candidates, Observer Organizations and Media

Legal basis

This regulation has been approved by the IEC (hereafter referred to as the Commission) under article 66 of the Electoral Law.

Purpose

This regulation organizes affairs related to accrediting representatives of political parties, independent candidates, observer organizations and media organizations in presidential and provincial council elections.

Accreditation

Article 1:

1. The Commission, before starting an electoral process, shall provide the opportunity to political parties, independent candidates, electoral observer organizations and media organizations to submit their written applications for receiving accreditations.
2. In order for political parties, independent candidates, electoral observer organizations and media organizations to be accredited, they shall provide the Commission with their written applications containing the information stated in the relevant procedures.

Representatives

Article 2:

Political parties, independent candidates, electoral observer organizations and media organizations who are accredited based on article 2 of this regulation, shall provide the following information with regard to the persons who will represent them during monitoring the electoral process:

- a. Name, father name, address, passport/national ID number and his/her cell phone number
- b. Signing a declaration based on which a political party, a candidate, an electoral observer organization and a media organization confirms that their representative completes 18 years of age, is not a member of any security organization and illegal armed groups, and has not been registered as a candidate for the elections
- c. Signing a declaration based on which a political party, a candidate, an electoral observer organization and a media organization confirms that their representative has read relevant code of conduct and is obliged to observe its contents.

Identity Card

Article 3:

1. The Commission shall provide relevant candidates and organizations with ID cards prepared for their agents, observers and reporters within 14 days after issuance of accreditations.
2. The ID card issued, given its expiration date, may be valid for one or more than one electoral process
3. The ID card shall have a photo of its holder and be signed and stamped by the person assigned by the Commission.
4. The ID card shall not be transferable.

Cancellation of Accreditation

Article 4:

The accreditations issued to political parties, candidates, electoral observation organizations and media organizations shall be cancelled in the following cases:

1. Existence of necessary evidence on non-observance of the code of conduct and or violation of the Electoral Law and of decisions of the Commission
2. A decision made by the Electoral Complaint Commission to cancel the accreditations issued.
3. A written request made by a political party, a candidate, an electoral observer organization and a media organization to cancel their accreditations
4. Dissolution of a political party, a media organization and a candidate's withdrawal from his/her candidacy

Cancellation of Identity Card

Article 5:

1. The Commission, in the following cases, shall cancel the ID cards issued:
 - a) If a political party, a candidate, an electoral observer organization and a media organization makes a request for cancellation of the ID card issued to their representative.
 - b) If there is any evidence that an agent, an observer or a reporter has not acted in accordance with the relevant code of conduct and or committed an electoral offence
 - c) Cancellation of the accreditation of a political party, a candidate, an electoral observer organization and a media organization represented by their representative
2. In the event that the accreditation or ID card of a political party, a candidate, an electoral observer organization and a media organization or of their representatives are canceled, the Commission shall inform them of the reasons for the cancellation of their accreditations or ID cards
3. Head of a VR center, a polling center, and a counting center or any other electoral staff who is authorized by the Commission may in the following cases, confiscate the ID card and inform the Commission of the issue as soon as possible:
 - a) If there is an order by the Commission to confiscate the ID card
 - b) If there is any necessary evidence showing that a representative has contravened the relevant code of conduct

c) If an electoral offense is committed

Presence of Agents, Observers, and Reporters

Article 6:

1. Those agents, observers and reporters who are accredited by the Commission and bring their ID cards along and keep them visible, shall be allowed to take part in the electoral process in order to monitor and observe the process and make a report on it
2. Accredited political parties and candidates shall present their representatives during elections in proportion to the number of polling centers in the relevant constituency
3. Both a political party and a candidate shall inform the Commission of the centers they would monitor during the electoral process
4. Presence of agents, observers and reporters shall be regulated by the relevant regulations, procedures and codes of conduct in different electoral phases
5. Heads of registration and polling stations and counting centers may impose time limits on the presence of agents, observer and reporters in registration and polling stations and counting centers due to security reasons or in order to reduce overcrowding there.

Non-responsibility of Commission

Article 7:

The Commission does not have any responsibility for securing the life and property of agents, observers and reporters as well as for providing vehicles, accommodations, sustenance and similar facilities to them.

Entry into Force:

Article 8:

This regulation shall come into effect after the date of its approval.