



Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Independent Election Commission

Regulation on Registration of Candidates

Legal Basis:

This regulation has been approved by the Commission (hereafter referred to as the Commission) under Article 79 of the Electoral Law.

Purpose:

This regulation regulate affairs on how to register presidential and provincial council candidates for 2014 elections given the provisions of Articles 13, 15, 19, 45, 46 and 47 of the Electoral Law and Article 14.13 of the Structural Law of the Commission.

Period and Terms of Registration

Article 1:

1. The Commission defines and publicly announces the start and end dates of candidates' registration based on the electoral timeline.
2. The applicants may formally notify the Commission of their decision regarding taking part in the election as candidates during the time set by the Commission.
3. A person or persons who are nominated for an elected seat by a political party or a coalition, they shall come to the Commission with an official document having the stamp of the party or collation represented by them.
4. While applying for registration, an applicant shall provide the Commission with the following information given the election in which he/she participates as a candidate.

A. Presidential candidate:

- a) A written application for registration on the form provided by the Commission
- b) A National ID to identify religion, Afghan citizenship and exact date of birth (he/she must complete the age of 40)

- c) A medical certification
- d) Correct information on original and current place of residence
- e) A certified and processed letter of resignation from governmental position as stated in Article 13.1 of the Electoral Law (Chief Justice, members of Supreme Court and judges, Attorney General, prosecutors and professional members of prosecutor office, ministers, advisors to ministers, advisors to the President, general directors of independent directorates, chairman and commissioners of independent commissions, deputy ministers and advisors to ministers, governors and their deputies , district governors, ambassadors and officials of Afghanistan diplomatic missions abroad, military officials of ministries of defense, interior, and National Directorate of Security and other ministries and institutions with military structure, civil servants, temporary and permanent staff members of IEC, lecturers of the state higher education institutions, scientific cadre members of Afghanistan Science Academy, and members of elected seats including appointed members of the Upper House who want to nominate themselves for another elected seat must resign from their existing seat)
- f) Correct information on movable and immovable properties of an applicant using the forms defined by the Commission
- g) List of names and VR card numbers of one hundred thousand eligible voters with their signatures or finger prints, at least from twenty provinces, two percent from each province
- h) Names of vice presidential candidates
- i) A bank receipt of 1 million Afghani deposit money

B. Vice Presidential Candidate:

All requirements provided for a presidential candidate in the paragraph A of Article 1 are applicable on vice presidential candidates except for the subparagraphs of 7, 8, and 9 of the article.

C. Provincial Council Candidate:

- a) A written application for registration on the form provided by the Commission
- b) A National ID to identify citizenship and the exact date of birth (he/she must complete the age of 25)
- c) A medical certification

- d) Correct information on original and current place of residence
- e) A voter registration card
- f) A certified and processed letter of resignation from governmental position as stated in Article 13.1 of the Electoral Law (Chief Justice, members of Supreme Court and judges, Attorney General, prosecutors and professional members of prosecutor office, ministers, advisors to ministers, advisors to the President, general directors of independent directorates, chairman and commissioners of independent commissions, deputy ministers and advisors to ministers, governors and their deputies , district governors, ambassadors and officials of Afghanistan diplomatic missions abroad, military officials of ministries of defense, interior, and National Directorate of Security and other ministries and institutions with military structure, civil servants, temporary and permanent staff members of IEC, lecturers of the state higher education institutions, scientific cadre members of Afghanistan Science Academy, and members of elected seats including appointed members of the Upper House who want to nominate themselves for another elected seat must resign from their existing seat)
- g) Providing correct information about movable and immovable properties using the forms defined by the Commission
- h) An education letter certified by a reliable educational institution (at least a graduation document from 12th class)
- i) A bank receipt of 20000 Afghani deposit money
- j) A list of names and VR card numbers of a candidate's supporters given the number of population with their signatures or finger prints as follows:

Number of Provincial Candidate Supporters					
No	Province	Number of Supporters	No	Province	Number of Supporters
1	Kabul	600	18	Paktya	250
2	Herat	500	19	Jawzjan	
3	Ningarhar	400	20	Farah	
4	Balkh		21	Badghees	
5	Ghazni	350	22	Dikundi	
6	Kandahar		23	Kunar	
7	Kunduz		24	Bamyan	
8	Faryab		25	Laghman	

9	Takhar		26	Kapisa	
10	Badakhshan		27	Paktika	
11	Helmand	300	28	Logar	
12	Baghlan		29	Samangan	
13	Ghor		30	Uruzgan	
14	Parwan		31	Zabul	
15	Wardak	250	32	Nimroz	200
16	Khost		33	Panjshir	
17	Sar-e-Pul		34	Nooristan	

If the above information is incomplete or not provided, their application for candidacy shall not be accepted.

5. Applicants for candidacy in presidential election shall submit their application in person to the IEC Secretariat in Kabul.
6. Applicants for candidacy in provincial council elections shall submit their application in person to the IEC provincial offices in their relevant provinces
7. Nomads may take part as candidates in provincial council elections in every province
8. No one may nominate himself/herself in two constituencies or for more than one elected seat at the same time. In case of violation, the candidate shall be disqualified from both elections and both constituencies
9. Any applicant who meets the requirements stated in the Article 1 of this regulation may be included in the preliminary list of candidates.
10. After expiration of the date set for registration of candidates, no application shall be accepted
11. The IEC Secretariat shall establish separate procedures to manage the affairs well if necessary

Citizenship Identification of Presidential Candidates

Article 2:

The Commission shall, after publishing the preliminary list of candidates, send information on the candidates included in the preliminary list to the relevant authorities in order to prove that he/she has only the Afghan citizenship.

Nonexistence of Women in List of Provincial Council Candidates

Article 3:

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If there are not sufficient numbers of female candidates in the preliminary list of provincial council candidates to obtain the allocated seat, Ministry of Women Affairs and its provincial departments shall, in consultation with other organizations active in women affairs and in agreement with the women introduced, provide the Commission with the final list of women of that province within the timeframe set by the Commission.

Symbol Selection

Article 4:

1) Presidential Candidates:

1. Electoral symbol of presidential candidates shall be defined based on lottery and reflected on the ballot papers
2. Independent candidates may submit the symbols provided by themselves to the Commission for approval
3. Those candidates who are presented by political parties or coalitions may select symbols of their relevant political parity or coalition.
4. There is not any limitation for political parties' candidate to choose the electoral symbols provided by the Commission
5. Picture of a person, government logos and symbols registered by other organizations shall not be accepted as electoral symbols.

2) Provincial Council Candidates

1. Electoral symbol of provincial council candidates shall be defined based on lottery and reflected on the ballot papers
2. Picture of a person, government logos and symbols registered by other organizations shall not be accepted as electoral symbols.

Preliminary List of Candidates

Article 5:

- 1) The Commission shall, after termination of candidate registration period, prepare the preliminary list based on applications. This list shall include name, exclusive number, picture and electoral symbol of each candidate.
- 2) The Commission shall officially announce the preliminary list of candidates and put it on display for 8 days with effect from the announcement date.
- 3) Candidates may check the accuracy of the information included in the list during the display period.

- 4) Those candidates who ask for correction of the information included in the preliminary list of candidates or those eligible persons, whose names have not been included in the list owing to various reasons, may go to the IEC HQ and its relevant provincial offices within 8 days after announcing and publishing the preliminary list.
- 5) If a person's application for candidacy is not accepted by the Commission, it shall inform the applicant of the issue in writing together with the reason of rejection of his/her application.
- 6) Those applicants whose applications are rejected by the Commission may appeal to the Electoral Complaint Commission within 8 days after the notification. The ECC shall officially advise the Commission of its final decision on the issue.

Challenges

Article 6:

- 1) After publishing the preliminary list, representatives of political parties, candidates and every citizen eligible to vote may challenge ineligibility of the candidates included in the preliminary list(presidential candidates, vice presidential candidates and provincial council candidates).
- 2) Challenges shall be filed within 8 days after publishing the preliminary list and submitted to the ECC.
- 3) The ECC shall make decision on eligibility or ineligibility of the candidates included in the preliminary list taking into account the regulations.
- 4) The ECC shall submit its final decision to the Commission with regards to the challenges before the end of the determined period.
- 5) The IEC shall cooperate with the ECC on availability of relevant documents.

Withdrawal from Candidacy

Article 7:

Candidates for elected seats included in the preliminary list shall officially and in writing notify the Commission of their decision on withdrawal from candidacy at the time set in the electoral timeline before announcing and publishing the final list. If a candidate withdraws from his/her candidacy after the date set by the Commission in the electoral timeline or he/she is disqualified by the ECC, his/her votes shall not be counted during the counting process. The deposit money shall not be refundable except when a candidate dies or withdraws from his/her candidacy according to the electoral timeline.

Final List of Candidates

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Article 8:

- 1) The Independent Election Commission shall prepare and announce the final list of candidates at least 60 days before holding election given the Electoral Complaint Commission's decisions, making necessary corrections and defining locations of candidates on the ballot paper through lottery in the IEC HQ.
- 2) Based on the names included in the candidate's final list, the commission shall provide the ballot papers.
- 3) The Commission shall post the final list on polling centers on Election Day.

Issuance of Accreditation to Candidates included in Final List

Article 9:

The Commission shall accredit those candidates who are included in final list to certify their candidacy.

Signing Code of Conduct for Candidates and Political Parties

Article 10:

While applying for registration, applicants must, considering the election in which they take part as candidates, sign the code of conduct for candidates and political parties and submit it the Commission.

Entry into Force

Article 11:

This regulation shall come into effect and be published after its approval date.