



Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
Independent Election Commission

Regulation on Certification of Election Results

This regulation was approved under Article (56) of the Electoral Law of Afghanistan by the Independent Election Commission for the purpose of regulating the certification of poll results.

Terms

Article One:

In this regulation, the following terms have the meaning shown:

1. **The Commission:** The Independent Election Commission established under Article (156) of the Constitution of Afghanistan.
2. **The Electoral Complaint Commission:** The Electoral Complaint Commission established under Article (52) of the Electoral Law.
3. **Political Party:** A political party registered with the Ministry of Justice.
4. **Candidate:** An independent candidate or a candidate related to a political party.
5. **Agent:** A person accredited by the IEC to represent a political party or candidate in order to watch the elections.
6. **Observer:** A person representing an observer organization (national or international) accredited by the IEC, to observe the electoral process.
7. **Media Representative:** A representative of the mass media accredited by the IEC, to report on the electoral process.
8. **Vote Counting Center:** A polling center after the polling processes, where vote counting is taking place.
9. **Vote Counting:** Counting of votes cast at polling centers.
10. **Tally Centre:** A centre determined by the Commission, located in Kabul where the results of counting stations are tabulated.
11. **Final Results:** The results certified and issued by the Independent Election Commission after all complaints on the subject of elections are reviewed by the Electoral Complaint Commission.

Application

Article Two:

This regulation regulates the announcement and certification of polls in the following elections.

1. Presidential Elections
2. Parliamentary Elections
3. Provincial Council Elections
4. District Council Elections

Vote Counting Results

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Article Three:

- 1) The results from the vote counting stations will be sent to the provincial electoral offices and from there to the Tally Centre in Kabul in accordance with the Regulation on Counting.
- 2) Vote counting results of each counting station and the report of complaints and objections in connection with the announcement at the result collection center, in the respective province, are to be taken to the HQ of the Commission.
- 3) Results of elections except the Presidential election, after approval of the HQ of the Commission and on provincial level of each relevant province, if there are no previously adjudicated complaints and objections that affect the results of elections along with the certification of the Electoral Complaint Commission, are to be announced.
- 4) Final results of the Presidential Elections are to be officially announced by the Independent Election Commission in Kabul after application of the matters in paragraph (3) of this Article.

Result Certification by the Commission

Article Four:

- 1) The Secretariat of the Commission shall hand over the results of vote counting to the Commission with a detailed report of complaints and objections on daily basis.
- 2) The results and reports submitted shall be handed over to the Commission by the Secretariat.
- 3) Election result certification shall be debated in the commission's meetings. Additionally, in the certification of results, the Commission is to consider the complaints and objections related to the results.

Poll Declaration

Article Five:

The poll results of the presidential election shall only announced through the HQ of the Commission and results of other elections under this regulation shall be announced at provincial and central levels after approval by the Commission.

Objections and Complaints concerning Preliminary Results

Article Six:

1) Any eligible voter or agent of a political party or candidate may present to the Electoral Complaints Commission a complaint alleging that there has been a violation of the Electoral Law or of the regulations issued by the Commission, concerning the provisional results.

2) A complaint about the provisional results must be delivered to the Electoral Complaints Commission within 72 hours after the announcement of the results and it will be adjudicated by the ECC in accordance with its internal procedures.

Notification and Issuance of Certificates to the Elected Candidates

Article Seven:

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After poll results declaration, the Commission prepares the election result certificates for the winners and hands them over to them. Furthermore, a copy of the certificate with an official letter shall be sent to the appropriate organizations regarding the poll results.

Entry to Force

Article Eight:

This regulation enters into force after the date of approval and shall be published.

