



Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
Independent Election Commission

Regulation on Certification of Election Results

This regulation has been approved under Article (66) of the Afghan Electoral Law 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 Afghan Constitution.
2. **The Electoral Complaint Commission:** The Electoral Complaint Commission established under Article (61) 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 real person accredited by the IEC to represent a political party or candidate in order to monitor the elections.
6. **Observer:** A real person introduced by an observer organization (national or international) and accredited by the IEC, to observe the electoral process.
7. **Media Representative:** A real person introduced by accredited mass media (national or international) to report on the electoral process.
8. **Vote Counting Station:** A polling station where vote counting is taking place after polling and its related stages.
9. **Vote Counting:** Counting of votes cast at polling stations.
10. **Tally Centre:** A centre determined by the Commission, located in Kabul where the results of counting stations are added up and announced.
11. **Final Results:** The results certified and published by the Independent Election Commission after all complaints on the subject of elections are reviewed by the Electoral Complaint Commission.

Purpose:

Article Two:

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

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

Vote Counting Results

Article Three:

- 1) The results of the counting of votes, in accordance with the Counting Regulation, shall be sent from counting stations to the provincial electoral offices and from there to the Tally Centre in Kabul.
- 2) Vote counting results of the respective province along with a report on related complaints and challenges shall be sent to the headquarters of the Commission.
- 3) The results of elections (except the Presidential election) shall be announced on central and provincial levels following the approval of the Commission and after verifying all challenges and complaints by the ECC and its certification of non-existence of any complaint or challenge affecting the results
- 4) Final results of Presidential Elections shall be officially announced by the Commission in Kabul after applying the provisions stated in paragraph (3) of this Article.

Certification of results by the Commission

Article Four:

- 1) The Secretariat of the Commission shall submit the results of vote counting to the Commission with a detailed report of complaints and challenges on a daily basis.
- 2) Certification of election results shall be debated in the meetings of the Commission. In the certification of results, the Commission shall consider the complaints and challenges related to the results.

Declaration of Results

Article Five:

The results of Presidential elections shall only be announced through the HQ of the Commission. Results of other elections stated in this regulation shall be announced at provincial and central levels after approval by the Commission.

Challenges and Complaints on Preliminary Results

Article Six:

- 1) Any vote eligible citizen, agents and candidates 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 rules of procedures.

Notification and Issuance of Certificates to the Elected Candidates

Article Seven:

After announcing final results of elections, the Commission prepares the election result certificates and presents the winners with the certificates. A copy of the certificate along with an official letter shall be sent to the appropriate organizations regarding the results of the elections.

Entry to Force

Article Eight:

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