



IECI REGULATION 02 / 2004

VOTER REGISTRATION

Preamble

CPA Order number 92 of 31 May 2004 established the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq (IECI) to be the exclusive electoral authority in Iraq. It is an independent and autonomous, non-partisan, neutral and professional government office, with the authority to promulgate, implement, and enforce regulations, rules and procedures with the full force of law in connection with elections during the Transitional Period.

This regulation elaborates on the legal framework already in place, and is issued by the IECI in consequence of the authorizations given in orders 92 and 96.

Section 1 Definitions

- 1.1. "TAL" means Transitional Administrative Law
- 1.2. "Transitional Period" means the period commencing with the Transfer of Authority and lasting until the formation of an elected Iraqi government pursuant to a permanent constitution.
- 1.3. "Commission" and "IECI" mean the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq, as established by CPA Order number 92
- 1.4. "National Assembly" means the National Assembly of the Iraqi Transitional Government, as described in the TAL
- 1.5. "Voter Register" means the list of voters who are eligible to vote in the elections scheduled to be held in January 2005

Section 2 Entitlement to Vote

- 2.1. CPA Order number 96 of 15 June 2004 stated that in order to vote in the election of the National Assembly, a person must:
 - 2.1.1. According to Article 11 of the TAL, be deemed an Iraqi citizen, be entitled to reclaim Iraqi citizenship, or be eligible for Iraqi citizenship;
 - 2.1.2. Have been born on or before 31 December 1986; and
 - 2.1.3. Be registered to vote according to procedures issued by the Commission
- 2.2. In order to be able to vote in the Kurdistan National Assembly and the Governorate Council elections, voters must, in addition to the above requirements, be shown on the Voter Register as being resident in Kurdistan or in the appropriate governorate.

Section 3 Voter Registration

- 3.1. The Voter Register will be based on the Public Distribution System (PDS) database, and will be further developed during the voter registration period, as a result of additions and amendments made during that period.
- 3.2. People who are eligible to vote will be given the opportunity to verify their inclusion on the preliminary Voter Register, and to correct any erroneous details on the Register.
- 3.3. Voter Registration Centres will be set up throughout Iraq by the IECI, and will function at places and between dates to be set by the IECI.
- 3.4. Any changes to details on the preliminary Register must be notified to a Voter Registration Centre, including any changes which would affect the person's eligibility to vote in the Kurdistan National Assembly or a Governorate Council election.
- 3.5. Any person who believes her/himself to be eligible to vote but who is not on the preliminary Voter Register can apply at the Voter Registration Centre to be added to the Register. In order for the application to be considered, the person will need to provide such documentary evidence of eligibility as is determined by the IECI to be necessary for this purpose.

- 3.6. No applications for additions or changes will be accepted either before or after a period to be determined by the IECl.
- 3.7. Any entry on the Voter Register which is not amended will be assumed to be correct.