

Fact Sheet

Who can vote in the 2010 Council of Representatives Election?

All eligible Iraqis whose details are correctly listed on the Voter List in their assigned polling location can vote in the upcoming Council of Representatives Election.

To be registered to vote a person must be:

- An Iraqi citizen
- Eighteen years of age in the year in which the election is held
- Registered on the voter's list in accordance with instructions issued by the IHEC
- Legally competent

IHEC had undertaken a number of voter registration update exercises since 2007, with the latest national one conducted in August and September of 2009, in order to update the list and ensure those who have moved or newly eligible voters were added.

The voter information card which you had received during the voter registration update period references the polling location (center) you have been assigned to cast your vote, unless you have requested changes during the voter registration update, and consequently a new polling location has been assigned to you following your update. If your name is not on the Voter List in the polling center you attend, you may have gone to the wrong polling center in which case you must seek advice from the Polling Center Voter Data Information Officer who will guide you to the correct polling location after being provided with information of your food agent's name or name and number of polling unit, or you can call the IHEC Call Center free of charge.

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) registered with IHEC to vote using an absentee ballot, will be allowed to vote for their governorate of origin in their current governorate of residence. An IDP must appear on the IDP Voter List to take advantage of this.

Otherwise an IDP can vote in the governorate of residence, providing that they have been registered on the Voter List and by presenting the correct identification documents at the assigned polling location. IDPs not registered with the IHEC will also be allowed to vote in accordance with separate instructions issued by the IHEC.

When and where will the election take place?

On March 7, 2010 all eligible Iraqis should visit the polling locations assigned to them by the IHEC. A voter's name will appear only once on the Voter List in the polling station. Two days ahead of Election Day, voters can check their names listed on posters displayed at the polling centers in an alphabetical order together with the assigned polling stations.

Individuals of the same family will find their names in the same polling center, but may be in different polling stations, according to the voter's first name. When attending at a polling station, please bring one photo identification (ID) document (details stated below). The photo ID needs to include the same name and spelling as the name in the Voter List. The election official will check the name against the list. If your name appears correctly on the Voter List, you will be asked to sign next to it, after which a ballot papers will be issued to you. Voters will be instructed on the voting process by IHEC electoral officials, working at the polling locations.

Where can eligible voters obtain more information of the locations of their polling centers and stations?

- All IHEC Election offices in Iraq
- By calling free of charge IHEC Call Center at Mobile number 7777
- Through the IHEC website at www.ihec.iq by inputting the food ration number and data

Valid Identity Documentation

In order to prove identity, a voter must present a valid official photo ID document, from the list below:

1. Iraqi Official Documents (originals):

- The Civil Identification Card
- The Iraqi Nationality Card
- The Iraqi passport
- Retirement Card
- An Official Graduation Certificate that is issued by one of the Iraqi Universities and the formal Institute

2. Foreign and International Documents (originals):

- Refuge Certificate that is issued by the UN
- Certificates that are issued by the Red Cross
- International passport or ID Card

More information on the IHEC website www.ihec.iq