



جمهورية العراق
الموضية العليا المستقلة للانتخابات
كۆميسونى بالآى سه ربه خوى هه لىزارد نه كان
The Independent High Electoral Commission

IHEC Regulations 3 – UN Unofficial Translation

Pursuant to the authority given to Board of Commissioners (BoC) in Article (4), Paragraph (Eighth) of the Independent High Electoral Commission Law No. (11)/ 2007, and the amended KRPE Law No. (1)/ 1992 ,we decided to issue the following regulations:

**(Candidates Certification)
For KRPE - Iraq
Regulation No. (3) of 2009**

(Preamble)

The Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC) was established by Law No. (11) of 2007 to be the exclusive electoral body in Iraq. IHEC is a professional, governmental, independent, and neutral body with a juridical personality, subject to the supervision of the Council of Representatives (CoR).

**Section 1
(Terminology)**

1. Commission: the Independent High Electoral Commission.
2. Elections Law: The amended KRPE - Iraq Law No. (1) for the year 1992.
3. Political Entity: An organization, including a political party, provided it obtains official certification as a political entity by IHEC.
4. Electoral District: Comprises Kurdistan region governorates (Erbil, Sulaymaniya, and Dahuk) for which a number of seats have been assigned, according to the elections law.
5. Candidate: Anyone whose candidacy for KRPE has been approved, according to IHEC procedures.
6. Eligible Voter: Anyone who meets the legal conditions for citizenship and eligibility to vote.



جمهورية العراق

الموضية العليا المستقلة للانتخابات

كۆميسونى بالآى سه ربه خوى هه لېزارد نه كان

The Independent High Electoral Commission

7. National Office (HQ): IHEC head office in Baghdad.
8. Regional Electoral Office (REO): IHEC EA office in Kurdistan Region.
9. Governorate Electoral Office (GEO): IHEC EA office in the region's governorates.
10. Coalition: A combination of two or more political entities to submit a unified list of candidates in specific elections.

Section 2 (Application)

- Provisions of these regulations shall be applied to candidates for KRPE- Iraq, in accordance with the provisions of the elections law.

Section 3 (Political Entities and Candidates)

1. Political entities not approved by IHEC, shall not be permitted to submit candidate lists for elections.
2. Two or more political entities may form a coalition to combine their interests, submit a single list of candidates, and organize a media campaign for their candidates in the coalition.
3. Political entities and coalitions should each submit one list each of candidates, and no political entity is allowed to participate in more than one coalition.

Section 4 (Lists of Candidates)

1. Lists of candidates should include the following:
 - a. Order of candidates submitted to IHEC, should be arranged as they appear on the list.
 - b. The number of candidates in the list should not exceed the number of seats allocated for the electoral district, and should



جمهورية العراق

الموضعية العليا المستقلة للانتخابات
كۆمیسونی بالآی سه ربه خۆی هه لێژارد نه كان
The Independent High Electoral Commission

- not be less than 3 candidates, provided a woman is listed first of every three candidates, and so on till the rest of the list, to guarantee the proportion of women representation in the list is at least 30%.
- c. Kaldeans, Sirians, Assyrians, and Turkmen may submit lists containing 5 candidates subject to the provisions of paragraph (b) above.
 - d. Provisions of paragraph (b) above do not include the candidate for the Armenian component seat.
2. It is not permitted for any entity or coalition to withdraw or change the list of candidates or submit a different list after the end of the period specified for candidates' accreditation by IHEC, unless the latter requests so, in order to have the list meet the conditions of this regulation. In this case, the entity should submit an amended list before the end of the period specified by IHEC for candidates' accreditation.
 3. The lists should be submitted to REO or Kurdistan GEOs to be checked and sent to the National Office.

Section 5
(Candidate Eligibility)

1. A candidate should be eligible and should meet the following conditions:
 - a. A citizen and resident of Kurdistan region- Iraq.
 - b. Fully eligible and completed 25 years of age.
 - c. Can read and write.
 - d. Should not have been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.
 - e. Should not have been convicted of a premeditated murder crime or theft.
 - f. Has not participated in the previous crimes planned or committed by the oppressive authorities in Kurdistan region.
2. The Commission shall forward the lists of candidates to the respective authorities, to make sure of the candidate's eligibility.



جمهورية العراق

الموضية العليا المستقلة للانتخابات

كۆميسونى بالآى سه ربه خوى هه لَبزارد نه كان

The Independent High Electoral Commission

Section 6

(Approval of Candidates' Lists)

1. IHEC shall specify a period for receiving applications for approval of lists of PE candidates and coalitions, and will not accept applications for approval either before or after this period.
2. The application should be written in the form required by IHEC.
3. Information required for all lists shall include the following:
 - a. Name of the political entity or coalition, number of accreditation, name of the authorized representative and contact details.
 - b. Name of component to which the political entity is affiliated, if any.
 - c. Full name, gender, place and date of birth, and place of residence for every candidate on the list, his signature and contact details.
 - d. A pledge by every candidate with a text to be determined by IHEC.
4. A candidate will lose eligibility for candidacy if he provides false information, and will bear all legal consequences.
5. If IHEC rejects a full list, it will inform the political entity or coalition in order to submit another list, provided the lists are delivered to IHEC within 2 days, starting from the day of notification.
6. If IHEC rejects any individuals among candidates, it will notify the political entity or coalition of its decision. The list of the remaining candidates, who comply with the conditions, will be considered as a complete list that includes names of candidates of the political entity or coalition, unless the political entity or coalition submits a modified list within 2 days.
7. If the number of candidates in a list exceeds the maximum limit permitted for the election list in any electoral district, IHEC will notify the political entity to delete the exceeding number within 2 days, otherwise, IHEC has the right to delete these names, starting



جمهورية العراق

الموضية العليا المستقلة للانتخابات
كۆميسونى بالآى سه ربه خوى هه لبرارد نه كان
The Independent High Electoral Commission

- from the last name on the list, and notify the concerned political entity or coalition. Thus, the list will be valid.
8. If a candidate's name is deleted from a specific list, after the end of the candidacy period, for compelling reasons, such as death or disability, the rest of the list will be considered valid as a complete list of candidates of a political entity or coalition.
 9. If a candidate includes his name in more than one list, or the political entity contributed to that offence, IHEC should take the necessary measures against the PE or candidate, including withdrawal of his name.
 10. No political entity or coalition is permitted to withdraw from elections after the end of the period specified for candidates' certification by IHEC.
 11. IHEC shall publish the approved candidate lists at least 15 days before the Election Day.
 12. PEs and their candidates have the right to challenge IHEC decision to reject certification of candidate lists before EJC in Kurdistan court of cassation within (3) days following the day of notification.

Section 7
(IHEC Decisions)

- IHEC will determine the mechanisms for applying its regulations to any PE or coalition, which may include considering the candidates ineligible or withdrawing certification from PE or coalition.

Section 8
(Effective Date)

1. This regulation shall be effective from the date of its ratification by the Board of Commissioners on 13/4/2009.

Board of Commissioners