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Fact Sheet on the Voter Registration Update

Voter Registration Update

The voter registration update is a process in which the Provisional Voters' List containing the names and personal data of eligible registered voters is made available to individuals and families to check that their information is correctly entered. The information on the Provisional Voters' List comes from the Public Distribution System database maintained by the Ministry of Trade.

The Independent Higher Electoral Commission of Iraq (IHEC)

The IHEC, established by the Council of Representatives in February 2007, is responsible for the creation, maintenance and update of the Voters' List and voter registration updates. The IHEC will implement these in accordance with the regulations and procedures defined by its Board of Commissioners.

Where and When Voter Registration Update will take Place

The IHEC will set up 549 voter registration centers across Iraq. Eligible citizens wishing to participate in the upcoming elections should visit the voter registration centre, which is usually connected to the food distribution center in area of residence, to verify their registration status.

Entitlement to be Registered to Vote

To be registered to vote a person must be:

1. An Iraqi citizen;
2. Legally competent;
3. 18 years of age before or in the month of the election;
4. Registered in the registry of voters in accordance with the instructions issued by the IHEC.

Purpose of the Voter Registration Update

The voter registration update will provide an opportunity for eligible citizens to:

1. Verify that their name and details as well as those of other family members is correctly entered in the Provisional Voter's List;
2. Add new eligible voters not registered in the Provisional Voter's list;
3. Change polling unit status either within the same voter registration center, between voter registration centers within the same governorates or between governorates;
4. Request an amendment to their details and/or those of other family members in the Provisional Voters list
5. Request the deletion of details of deceased family members from the Provisional Voters List
6. Request registration for absentee voting for those internally displaced after 9 April 2003.



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Identification Documents needed During the Voter Registration Update

To receive a service at the voter registration center, eligible citizens will be required to present identification documents as follows:

1. To verify that the name and personal data on the Provisional Voters' List is correct, one of the following documents is needed:
 - a) Civil Status ID; OR
 - b) Iraqi National Certificate; OR
 - c) Valid Iraqi Passport; OR
 - d) Residence Card (for the family head).
2. To be added to the Provisional Voters' List
 - a) One of the four identification documents mentioned above;
 - b) Food ration card issued at least three months before the voter registration update period

For a returnee to be added to the Provisional List, the additional documents are required;

 - a) A valid non-Iraqi passport accredited with an entry visa after 31 December 2007; AND
 - b) Valid residence card or municipal council certificate approved by the Provisional Council.
3. To change registration status from one polling unit to another polling unit:
 - a) Remaining in the same voter registration center, two ID documents are required.
 - b) Changing voter registration centers within the same Governorate, one ID document plus food ration card issued at least three months before the start of the registration update process.
 - c) Changing Governorate, one ID document plus food ration card issued at least three months before the start of the registration update process.
4. To request an amendment to person or family member's details on the Provisional Voters' List: Two ID documents with the correct information. This can be done in person or for family members
5. To request for the deletion of information relating to deceased family members from the Provisional Voters' List eligible citizens will be required to produce a document proving relationship with the deceased and the deceased's death certificate.
6. To apply for absentee voting by persons who were internally displaced after 9 April 2003:
 - a) IDPs whose names are listed on the IDP List must present two official documents (one a photo ID). They are not required to provide evidence of displacement.
 - b) IDPs, except for those in the Kurdistan Region, whose names are not listed on the IDP List must go to the Governorate Migration Office to be provided with a letter addressed to the Voter Registration Center confirming their IDP status and the governorate of origin and requesting registration at that Center.



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Participation in the Voter Registration Update

All eligible Iraqis should visit the nearest Voter Registration Center to check that their personal data is included correctly in the Provisional Voters' List. If the voter's information in the Provisional Voters' List is the same as the information in their ID documents, no further action is required.

Verification of name and personal data on the Provisional Voter's list can be done in person or by a family member. Amendments and changes to polling unit status within the same governorate can be done in person or by a family member. However, additions and changes of polling unit status between governorates must be in done in person.

To make changes or amendments for other family members, eligible citizens must present a document to prove the relationship and ID documents of the family member.

Citizens can also call the IHEC National Call Center using the toll free numbers to verify that their name and other personal data is correctly entered: The toll free mobile number is 7777 and the toll free landline numbers are 743 2516, 743 2518, 743 2519

Voter Registration Update Offences

It is an offence to:

- Make false declarations;
- Present forged documents to the Voter Registration Center;
- Seek double or multiple registrations for self or other people;
- Attempt to prevent other people from registering through the threat or actual use of violence or other forms of intimidation;
- To withhold vital documents from family members, thus barring them from verifying their voter registration status; and
- To seek to corrupt the voter registration process through bribes or threats.