



المفوضية العليا المستقلة للانتخابات في العراق
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The Independent High Electoral Commission

Fact Sheet on Registration for Absentee Voting for Internally Displaced Persons in Governorates not part of the Kurdistan Region

Eligible voters who have been internally displaced in Iraq after the 9 April 2003 can register to vote for absentee voting. Only those registered as IDPs with the Ministry of Displacement and Migration and the Ministry of Trade as displaced will be entitled to absentee voting rights.

The Voter Registration Update

Iraqi citizens who have been forcefully displaced after 9 April 2003 and who meet the general eligibility criteria to register to vote will be enfranchised to do so at the voter registration center in the Governorate of their displacement closest to the area where they live but be able to vote for their governorate of origin on polling day through absentee voting.

Purpose of voter registration update process for IDPS

The voter registration update will provide eligible displaced persons wishing to exercise their constitutional right to vote and to be registered for absentee voting.

When and Where the Voter Registration Update Will Take Place

The period for the voter registration update will be thirty days. The IHEC will set up 549 voter registration centers. Therefore eligible displaced persons wishing to register for absentee voting should visit the voter registration centre in the Governorate of their displacement close to where they reside to register for absentee voting.

Entitlement to be Registered for Absentee Voting

Only persons displaced after 9 April 2003 and who are registered with the Ministry of Displacement and Migration and the Ministry of Trade as displaced will be entitled to be registered for absentee voting during the voter registration update. In addition such displaced persons must also meet the requirements for registration as a voter. The requirements state that in order 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.

Identification Documents to be produced by Internally Displaced People during the Voter Registration Update

1. Internally displaced persons whose names are listed on the IDPs List must present two official documents (one with a photo identity) and is not required to provide evidence of displacement.
2. Internally displaced persons whose names are not listed on IDP List must apply to the governorate migration office for a confirmation letter addressed to the voter registration center to register them as internally displaced people confirming their IDP status and the governorate of origin.

An internally displaced person has the right to register other family members for absentee voting as long as they present a document to prove the relation and valid documents for the person they are registering.