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FACT SHEET: Voter Registration Update in the International Zone

Only eligible Iraqi citizens living in the International Zone will have opportunity to register in the International Zone Voter Registration Centre for voting for the Baghdad Governorate or IDP absentee voting.

The Voter Registration Update in the International Zone

Iraqi citizens living in the IZ and who meet the general eligibility criteria to register for voting in the polling centers that will be opened in the IZ will be allowed to register in the International Zone's voter registration center.

Where and When the Voter Registration Update will take Place

The IHEC will open a voter registration centre in the international zone to allow eligible citizens to exercise their civic right to participate in the voter registration update. The period for voter registration update will be thirty days beginning 15 July, same as for other VRC in the country.

Entitlement to be Registered to Vote at the International Zone Voter Registration Centre

Only eligible Iraqi citizens who can prove their IZ residency status living in the international zone will be allowed to have access to the international zone voter registration centre. Eligible citizens displaced after 9 April 2003 and living in the international zone will also have access to the international zone voter registration centre. In addition, such citizens must also meet the requirements to be registered as a voter. The requirement state that to qualify to be registered to vote a person must be:

1. An Iraqi citizen;
2. Legally competent;
3. Having reached the age of 18 years in the month of the election;
4. Registered in the registry of voters in accordance to 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. Be added to the Provisional Voter's List
2. Change their polling unit to one of the polling units assigned in the international zone or from one governorate to another;
3. Request for deletion of deceased family members from the Provisional Voter's List;
4. Request to be registered for absentee voting if they have been internally displaced after 9 April 2003.



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Identification documents needed during the Voter Registration Update in the International Zone

To receive a service at the international zone voter registration center, eligible citizens will be required to present identification documents that can prove their residence in the international zone. Such proof includes:

- Food Ration Card issued in Baghdad
- Property ownership deeds or a long term renting contract of a house/flat in the IZ
- Certificate issued by the General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers

Eligible returnees will also be required to present a valid non-Iraqi passport accredited with an entry stamp after 31 December 2007. Internally displaced eligible citizens will also be required to bring the letter from the Ministry of Displacement and Immigration addressed to the voter registration centre official to prove their IDP status and qualify to be registered for absentee voting.

Participation in the Voter Registration Update

All eligible Iraqis living in the international zone must visit the international zone voter registration centre to check that their personal data is included correctly in the Provisional Voters' List and to change their existing polling unit to one of those assigned in the international zone.

Verification of names and personal data on the Provisional Voter's list can be done in person or by a family member. To make changes or amendments for other family members, eligible citizens must present a document to prove the relationship and identification documents of the family member.

Citizens can also call the IHEC National Call Center using the following toll free numbers for further information:

- **Mobile number: 7777**
- **Landline numbers: 743-2516, 743-2518, 743-2519**

Voter Registration Update Offences

It is an offence to:

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