المفوضية العليا المستقلة للإنتخابات في العراق
کۆمیسونی باڵای سه ربه خۆی هه ڵبژارد نه کان له عێراق

The Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC) of Iraq

International Electoral Assistance Team (IEAT)

Fact Sheet

Voter Registration Up date Kurdistan-Iraqi Parliament and Presidential elections?

All eligible Iraqis in Kurdistan whose details are correctly listed on the Voter List can vote in the Kurdistan-Iraqi Parliament and Presidential elections.

To be registered to vote a person must be:

1. An Iraqi Kurdistan citizen
2. Legally competent
3. Eighteen years of age the year in which the elections are held
4. Registered on the voter's list in accordance with instructions issued by the IHEC

It is expected that the vast majority of Iraqis should appear on the Voter List as it is drawn from the Public Distribution System Database. Nevertheless the IHEC will undertake a voter registry update to ensure those citizens who have moved since July 2007 can correct their assignment or those omitted from the list can add their name.

It is important that all those who are eligible to vote should check the Voter Register during the update period to ensure that your details are correct.

When and where will the Voter Registration Update take place?

The Voter Registration Update is scheduled to take place from 25th May to 7th June in 84 Voter Registration Centres throughout Kurdistan. Five special Voter Registration Centres will be open in Baghdad to provide an opportunity for officials currently on service in state institutions in Baghdad and their family members to check and update their registration information.

Centres will be opened by the IHEC and their locations will be published in the local media.
Voters can also check their Voter Registration information on the IHEC website or through the IHEC Call Centre.

Making Changes to the Voter Register

If your details on the Voter Register are incorrect or are absent, or you have moved from one location to another you can apply to have your details changed or added by completing form 111, which will be provided at the Voter Registration Centre.

You will need to bring valid identification with you to the Voter Registration Centre.

If you have moved location and are moving from one Voter Registration Centre to another please provide the number of your PDS card from the old Voter Registration Centre (Food Distribution Centre).

If you have recently moved to Kurdistan then you will need to bring your new food ration card issued before 01/04/2009.

You can change the details of one of your family members as long as you bring documents proving the relationship, such as marriage certificate, birth certificate etc.

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

- **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.
  - ✓ Food Ration Card.

- **Foreign or International Documents (originals):**
  - ✓ Refugee Certificate that is issued by the UN.
  - ✓ Certificates that are issued by the Red Cross.
  - ✓ International passport or ID Card

Where can Iraqis go for further information or where to find the location of their Voter Registration Centre?

- ✓ Go to the local IHEC Kurdistan Regional Election Office
- ✓ Go to Governorate Electoral Offices of Kurdistan.
- ✓ Go to food ration centers where IHEC posters are on display
- ✓ Consult local media for announcements on television and radio programs and in newspapers
- ✓ Check the IHEC website at www.ihec.iq by inputting your food ration number and data.

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