



Guidelines for Accreditation Procedures for Monitors, Observers, and Journalists

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Accreditation procedures for Monitors

Accreditation is done through local assemblies. NO picture is necessary. Political parties, candidates, civil society organizations or any electoral stakeholder wishing to place monitors are supposed to write the District Commissioner or Chief Executives of respective councils giving full names of the monitors and the polling centres, wards and the constituencies where they will be stationed.

The Commission is advising all stakeholders to place two monitors per voting stream who can alternate. The detailed list of the number of polling streams for each polling station is available in all councils and at www.mec.org.mw.

The Commission will conduct training of its polling staff on May 18, 2014 in all the polling centres and the monitors are encouraged to monitor this training so that they appraise themselves of the polling process.

The deadline for submitting names of monitors to the Commission is Friday, May 9, 2014.

All stakeholders are being informed that they are responsible for the welfare of their monitors.

Contacts from respective District Commissioners/Chief Executives can be obtained via MEC Accreditation Focal Point, Richard Mveriwa.

Accreditation procedures for Observers

Political parties, candidates, civil society organizations, Diplomatic Missions or any electoral stakeholder wishing to place Local or International Observers are supposed to write the Chief Elections Officer, Malawi Electoral Commission, Private Bag 113, Blantyre or email ceo@mec.org.mw. The letter should mention the persons to be accredited and should be accompanied by electronic pictures of the persons to be accredited. The pictures should be in

jpeg or tiff format and saved with both names of the persons as they would want them to appear on the accreditation ID. The deadline for processing local and international observers is May 9, 2014.

Observers should take note that they will be expected to abide by the code of conduct for observers and relevant legislation and guidelines on elections.

Accreditation procedures for Journalists

Journalists and media practitioners are expected to apply for accreditation through managers of their respective media houses to Chief Elections Officer, Malawi Electoral Commission, Private Bag 113, Blantyre or email ceo@mec.org.mw. Free-lancers should apply through the media houses they correspond for. The letter should list the names of the people to be accredited and should also be accompanied by electronic pictures of the persons to be accredited. The pictures should be in jpeg or tiff format and saved with both names of the persons as they would want them to appear on the accreditation ID.

Journalists should take note that they will be expected to abide by the Media Code of Conduct on Reporting Elections and relevant legislation and guidelines on elections.

International journalists are also expected to get accreditation from the Media Council of Malawi and details can be found at www.mediacouncilmw.org

More details about accreditation can be obtained from Richard Mveriwa on 0888870092 or email rmveriwa@mec.org.mw