

Instructions No. (6) of 2021 The executive instructions for accrediting journalists, media professionals and workers in local and international audio-visual and print media institutions to cover the elections of governorate councils, municipal councils and the Amman Municipality Council issued in accordance with the provisions of Articles (12) and (27) of the Independent Election Commission Law No. 11 For the year 2012 and Article (36) of the Local Administration Law No. (22) of 2021 and Article (6) of the Amman Municipality Law No. (18) of 2021

Article 1 : These instructions shall be called (executive instructions for accrediting journalists, media professionals and workers in local and international audio-visual and print media institutions to declare elections for provincial councils, municipal councils, and the Amman Municipality Council for the year 2021), and they shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

Article 2: Journalists and media professionals wishing to cover the electoral process must comply with the following:

A- Journalists, media professionals and workers in Jordanian media and press institutions:

- 1- He must have completed eighteen years of age.
- 2- To be at the head of his work in the field of press and media.
- 3- He must submit documents proving his affiliation with a media outlet.

B- Journalists, media professionals and workers in foreign media and press institutions:

- 1- He must have attained the age of eighteen.
- 2- That their press and media institutions be accredited by the Media Authority to practice media activity inside the Kingdom.
- 3- To hold a press or media card for those who are not accredited with the official authorities.

Article 3: The Commission approves journalists, media professionals and workers wishing to cover the electoral process according to the following:

A- The application for accreditation shall be submitted on the form prepared for this purpose, accompanied by the names of journalists, media professionals, photographers and technicians, a recent personal photo of each of them, and all required data.

b- Accreditation requests are sent to the authority directly through the authority's e-mail.

c- The authority may accept or reject the application for accreditation, and the concerned persons shall be notified of the summary of this decision.

- d- The organization issues accreditation cards to journalists, media professionals and workers in media and press institutions whose applications have been accepted.
- e- Accreditation cards are delivered to journalists and media professionals, and the journalist or media person signs an acknowledgment of receipt.
- f- Receipt of accreditation requests ends ten days before the polling day.

Article 4: Every journalist and media person who has been approved to cover the electoral process has the right to the following:

- a. Obtaining public data and information related to the electoral process
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- b. Entering the polling stations and counting.
- c. Benefit from the services provided by the Media Center of the Authority.
- d. Conducting interviews with authorized officials of the authority.
- e. Submit a complaint directly to the director of the polling and counting center at the polling and counting centers if he is exposed to anything that hinders his work.
- f. Attending the authority's press conferences.

Article 5: The Authority is committed to the following: -

- a. Creating favorable conditions and taking the necessary measures to facilitate the process of accreditation of journalists, media professionals, and media and press institutions in terms of:
 - 1- Making all forms related to the accreditation of local and foreign journalists and media workers available by publishing them on the authority's website and making them available in hard copies if needed.
 - 2- Examine the requests for accreditation and take the necessary measures regarding them within a period not exceeding three days from the date of receiving the request, in a manner that allows press and media institutions to cover the electoral process.
 - 3- Awareness and training of election committees, polling and counting committees and all those working in the field of managing the electoral process about the mechanism of dealing with media representatives.
- b. Commitment to the principle of transparency and respect for ensuring the right to obtain information for institutions that cover the electoral process and media materials on the commission's website.

Article 6: Press and media institutions, journalists, media professionals, and accredited workers are obligated to the following: -

- a. Respect the laws, rules and ethics of the profession and the code of conduct approved by the Government.
- b. The executive instructions issued by the government and coordinating with it for the purpose of ensuring the proper conduct of the electoral process and media coverage.
- c. Rules and controls included in the executive instructions for electoral campaigning.
- d. Respect the principle of impartiality and refrain from publishing materials that may harm the integrity of the elections or impede the conduct of the electoral process.
- e. Not to use the card issued by the Authority for purposes other than those designated for it and not to allow its use by any other person.
- f. The press and media institutions shall abide by the correctness of the information received by the Authority regarding the names of journalists, media professionals and their accredited workers.

Article 7: Journalists, media professionals and accredited workers, while covering the electoral process on polling day, shall abide by the following: -

- a. Presenting the accreditation card issued by the authority and showing it inside and outside the polling and counting center.
- b. Not to wear or carry any logo, pictures, or symbols of one of the candidates, or to invite to vote, or not to vote for one of the candidates.
- c. Not to cause chaos or confusion inside the polling and counting center.
- d. Refrain - from taking any action that leads to disruption or obstruction of the electoral process, influence on voters, or obstruction of the work of the polling and counting committee.
- e. Not to violate the sanctity of the polling place inside the polling room or to take pictures that may violate the principle of the secrecy of the ballot.
- f. Full response to the requests of the head of the polling and counting committee or the director of the center.
- g. Adhere to the requirements of public health and safety in accordance with the directives or instructions issued by the competent authorities.

Article 8: a. The authority may terminate the accreditation of any journalist, media person, or worker in media and press organizations who violates the provisions of the legislation in force and these instructions or their code of conduct.

b. The media and press institution may terminate the accreditation of any of its journalists and media professionals for the same reasons mentioned in paragraph (a) of this article, and the press and media institution must inform the authority in writing of this decision and return the accreditation card to the organization immediately.

Article 9:a. The accreditation of local and international media and press organizations authorized to cover the electoral process ends with the council announcing the results and publishing them in the Official Gazette.

b. The Council approves the forms necessary to implement the provisions of these instructions.

Article 10 : The executive instructions for accrediting journalists, media professionals, and workers in local and international audio-visual and print media institutions to cover the electoral process No. (5) for the year 2017 and the executive instructions for accrediting journalists and media workers and workers in local and international audio-visual and print media institutions to cover the electoral process for the municipal elections shall be cancelled. No. (5) for the year 2017.