

Instructions No. (8) for the year 2021 - the executive instructions for the accreditation of international observers for the elections of governorate councils, municipal councils, and the Amman Municipality Council issued in accordance with the provisions of the two articles(12) and (27) of the Independent Election Commission Law No. (11) of 2012 and Article (36) of the Law Local Administration No. (22) of 2021 and Article (6) of the Amman Municipality Law No. (18) of 2021

Article 1 : These instructions are called (Executive Instructions for Accrediting International Observers for the Elections of Governorate Councils, Municipal Councils, and Amman Municipality Council for the year 2021) and shall be effective from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

Article 2: The following words and phrases, wherever mentioned in these instructions, shall have the meanings assigned to them below unless the context indicates otherwise:

The Commission: The Independent Election Commission.

The Board: The Authority's Board of Commissioners.

International Monitoring: Follow-up, monitoring and evaluation of the various stages of the electoral process or any of them by international governmental and non-governmental organizations accredited by the Commission.

International Organization: Any international body, whether governmental or non-governmental, that is approved by the Commission to form an international monitoring mission to monitor the electoral process.

The International Monitoring Mission: A group of international observers formed by the International Organization for the purposes of international monitoring, who have been accredited by the Commission and have obtained accreditation cards.

International observer: a person nominated by an international organization

To represent it in the monitoring process, which is approved by the authority and obtained an accreditation card.

International guest: A person who is invited by the authority in his personal capacity without being a member of any of the international monitoring missions, and who has obtained an international guest card.

Credit Card: The card issued - by virtue of the provisions of the provisions of the law Its law and these instructions give the observer the right to monitor the electoral process based on the accreditation request submitted to the commission.

Article 3 : A - It is required for an international organization wishing to monitor the electoral process to have experience in the field of election monitoring and the promotion of democracy, human rights, and good governance.

B - The Commission approves international observation missions, and international observers are not accredited as individuals not affiliated with such missions, and international observers who are not affiliated with one of the international observation missions are not allowed to observe the electoral process.

C- Notwithstanding what is stated in Paragraph (B) of this Article, the Commission may issue accreditation cards to certain individuals who are invited by it to attend or observe the electoral process in accordance with the provisions of Article (9) of these instructions.

Article 4 : Those who are accredited as an international observer must meet the following conditions:

A- He must have attained eighteen years of age when submitting an application for accreditation.

b- He should not be a member of more than one international monitoring mission.

c- Signing the Code of Conduct for International Observers.

Article 5: The mechanism for accrediting international monitoring missions shall be as follows:

a. An international organization wishing to monitor the electoral process submits an application to the commission for its approval to organize an international observation mission.

b. The international organization shall designate a liaison officer to submit the accreditation request on its behalf and coordinate with the authority to complete the accreditation procedures.

c. Applications for accreditation of the international organization shall be submitted as of the day following the announcement of the polling date and for a period of forty-five days.

d. Accreditation requests are delivered directly or by registered mail, express mail, or e-mail.

e. The authority sends an initial notification of receipt of the accreditation requests to the liaison officer directly or by e-mail or fax, as the case may be.

f. And. The authority studies accreditation requests within a period not exceeding seven working days from the date of receiving the request and sends to the international organization through the liaison officer a second notification directly or by e-mail or fax to confirm that the request fulfills the condition mentioned in paragraph (a) of Article (3) of these instructions Approval of accreditation or statement of deficiencies in the required documents or data.

g. The Commission may approve or reject the requests, and in the event of rejection, the liaison officer or the international organization shall be notified in writing of the justifications for the refusal, directly or - by e-mail or fax, as the case may be.

- h. In the event that the authority approves the request for accreditation, the international organization, through the liaison officer, nominates its candidates to participate in the international monitoring mission in accordance with the conditions set forth in Article (4) of these instructions and using the form for international observers approved by the authority and published on the electronic system for accrediting international observers, which is available On the authority's website and attach the required documents on the form approved by the authority for this purpose.
- i. Applications for accreditation of international observers nominated to the Commission are sent from the liaison officer of the international organization that has been accredited by the government directly through the special electronic system for accrediting international observers, no later than twenty-one days before the date set for the poll. The deadline for submitting these applications.
- j. The authority studies applications for accreditation of the nominated international observers and verifies that they meet the conditions set forth in Article (4) of these instructions within a period not exceeding seven working days from the date of receiving the applications. Request the conditions or indicate any deficiency in them.
- k. The Commission may reject applications for accreditation of the nominated international observers if they do not fulfill the requirements of these instructions or complete all the required data. In the event of rejection, the liaison officer or the organization shall be notified in writing of the reasons for the refusal directly or by e-mail or fax as the case may be.
- l. The authority issues accreditation cards for international observers who have been accredited according to the form it has approved for this purpose.
- m. The credentials of the international observers are handed over to the liaison officer and a acknowledgment of receipt form is signed.
- n. The Commission maintains a database of all international observers and the names of the international organizations affiliated with it.
- o. The Commission coordinates with the relevant government agencies to facilitate the entry and work of international monitoring missions to the electoral process in accordance with the mechanism established by the Commission for this purpose.

Article 6 : The international organization undertakes to abide by the successive international observers of the Code of Conduct for International Observers that was adopted in New York by the United Nations in the year 2002.

Article 7: The authority may terminate the accreditation of any international observer who violates the provisions of the legislation in force or these instructions or the code of conduct for international observers. .

Article 8 : The international organization may terminate the accreditation of any of the successive international observers for the same reasons mentioned in Article (7) of these instructions or for any reason the organization deems appropriate.

Article 9 : The Commission may issue accreditation cards to international guest observers, such as foreign government officials invited by the Commission to observe a specific stage or stages of the electoral process.

Article 10: International guests are invited as follows:

- a. The Commission sends an invitation to the international guest to observe a specific stage or stages of the electoral process
- b. If the party to which the international guest has been invited agrees to attend, the authority will issue an international guest accreditation card in accordance with the form it has approved for this purpose.
- c. Credit cards for international guests are handed over to the liaison officer.
- d. The authority maintains a database of international guests and the names of the entities they are affiliated with.

Article 11: International observation missions and international guests, while observing the electoral process, abide by the following principles:

- a. Respecting the sovereignty of the state, the constitution, the legislation in force, the rules issued by the commission, and the international agreements and charters related to the stages of the electoral process.
- b. Cooperating with the authority and other relevant government institutions.
- c. Not to interfere in the electoral process or in the work of those in charge of managing the elections or directing them.
- d. Refrain from taking any action that would impede the conduct of the electoral process.
- e. Impartiality, integrity, standards of justice, integrity, and professionalism during observation, and when expressing their observations, reports, statements, oral and written releases, and informing people of any incidents or violations that might affect the conduct of the electoral process or the observation process.
- f. And. Adhere to the principles contained in the Code of Conduct for International Observers.
- g. Carry the accreditation card issued by the authority and show it.
- h. Adhere to the requirements of public health and safety in accordance with the directives or instructions issued by the competent authorities.

Article 12: Subject to what is stated in Article (11) of these instructions, international observation missions and international guests of the electoral process are entitled to the following:

- a. Monitor all stages of the electoral process without any obstruction to their work.

- b. Communicate with the various persons concerned with the electoral process, including those working in the electoral process at all levels, security men, government employees, representatives of political parties, candidates, voters, media representatives, members of local observation teams and other organizations and persons interested or participating in the electoral process.
- c. Obtaining credentials that enable them to carry out their duties in monitoring the electoral process and provide them with freedom of movement throughout the kingdom without any restrictions.
- d. Issuing and publishing statements and reports about their observations and recommendations regarding the materials stipulated in these instructions, without any unjustified interference.
- e. Take decisions related to the nature, size and timeline of its oversight tasks within the limits stipulated in these instructions.
- f. And executing international monitoring activities in a manner that does not conflict with the Jordanian legislation in force and the instructions issued by the Government.

Article 13: Subject to the integrity of the electoral process and the capacity of the polling and counting centers, the group shall do the following:

- a- Create favorable conditions and take the necessary measures to facilitate the accreditation process

International observers of the electoral process in terms of:

- 1 . Making all forms related to the accreditation of international observers available to all institutions by publishing them on the Authority's website and providing them in hard copies if necessary.
 2. Studying requests for accreditation and taking the necessary measures within a time frame that allows institutions to monitor the various stages of the electoral process.
 3. Awareness of election chiefs about the mechanism of dealing with international observers.
 4. Allocating several seats in the polling and counting room to be able to monitor the course of the electoral process.
- b. Coordination with institutions and alliances that monitor elections and maintain communication with them.
 - c. Commitment to the principle of transparency and respect for the right of access to information for institutions that monitor the electoral process, including publishing legislation related to the conduct of their work on the authority's website
 - d. Respecting international standards for the integrity of the electoral process and ensuring the rights of all its parties.
 - e. Facilitate the work of observers and contribute to building citizens' confidence in the electoral process.

Article 14: a- The accreditation of international missions and organizations authorized to monitor the conduct of the electoral process ends by announcing the results and publishing them in the Official Gazette.

b- The international organization shall abide by the forms approved by the Commission to implement the provisions of these instructions.

Article 15: The executive instructions for accrediting international observers for provincial elections No. (3) of 2017 and the executive instructions for accrediting international observers for municipal elections No. (3) of 2017.