



National Electoral Commission (NEC)

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GUIDELINES ON THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ELECTION STAKEHOLDERS DURING 2017 VOTER / CIVIL REGISTRATION PROCESS

ELECTORAL OBSERVERS

Observers have an important role to help ensure that the Voter Registration Process is carried out in accordance with legal regulations and procedures. They must agree to follow a Code of Conduct prepared by NEC. The following should be read in conjunction with the Code of Conduct.

POLITICAL PARTIES

Dos and Don'ts for Political Parties/Party Coalition and their Agents.

Every agent or representative of a political party/political party coalition shall, furthermore:

- i. Adhere to the laws of the Republic of Sierra Leone.;
- ii. Do nothing that disrupts the normal course of the registration process that hinders the officials of the National Electoral Commission (NEC) in performance of their duties;
- iii. Respect the role, status and authority of the registration officials and comply with all lawful instructions or directions given by the registration officials;
- iv. Have the right to complain about any violation of the law or regulations and procedures which they have personally seen or observed. This complaint shall be made to the Registration Officer, or officials of the Commission during or after the violation has been committed;

- v. Where required, have the right to sign those forms used in the conduct of the voter registration;
- vi. Avail themselves of briefings and other information on the registration process provided by the NEC, where available; and be knowledgeable about the conduct of the voter registration process undertaken by the Commission;
- vii. Wear or otherwise display prominently the agent or representative identification card or badges issued by the Commission when engaged in observing the registration process; and
- viii. If requested by Registration or NEC official, produce his/her accreditation card (Political Party);
- ix. If present during the daily counting activities, copy registration figures from the Daily Accounting Form;
- x. Sign the Daily Accounting Form.

Moreover, every agent or representative of a political party/political party coalition shall **NOT**:

- xi. Give unauthorised information or guidance to persons involved in the electoral process;
- xii. Communicate with applicant for registration on matter of party significance;
- xiii. Touch any registration material and equipment without the expressed consent of the NEC official concerned;
- xiv. Interfere unjustifiably or in bad faith with the duties of the registration officials.
- xv. Attempt to conduct a parallel registration process.