

S.I. 37 of 2025

ELECTIONS ACT

(Cap 262)

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During Election and the Remainder of the Electoral Cycle)
Regulations, 2025**

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 99 of the Elections Act (*Cap. 262*), the Electoral Commission hereby makes the following regulations —

Citation

1. These regulations may be cited as the Elections (Conduct of Registered Political Parties and Candidates During Election and the Remainder of the Electoral Cycle) Regulations, 2025.

Application

2. These regulations shall apply to —

- (a) every registered political party that has nominated candidates at an election and to every nominated candidate contesting an election;
- (b) the period from the date of publication of the list of candidates, under paragraph 32 of Schedule 3 to the Elections Act (*Cap. 262*), until the publication of the notice of election results in the Gazette, under section 38(2) of the Act;
- (c) the period extending the remainder of the electoral cycle outside the electioneering period covered under the Elections Act (*Cap.262*).

General Conduct

3. All the registered political parties, their candidates and other contesting candidates shall during the electoral process —

- (a) support and promote the conduct of free and fair elections, maintain public confidence in the electoral process and protect the democratic rights of Seychelles' citizens;
- (b) conduct themselves in the way that upholds the electoral integrity and public respect;
- (c) avoid behaviour that is unfair or unacceptable to reasonable and fair-minded persons; and
- (d) ensure that no action or omission compromises the secrecy of the ballot.

Conduct during electoral campaigning

4. During the electoral campaigns, every registered political party and candidates shall —

- (a) conduct their campaign peacefully, avoiding any actions or omissions that create tension or promote violence;
- (b) refrain from improper or provocative statements, whether written or verbal, against other parties or candidates;
- (c) not to interfere with the campaigning of other parties or candidates;
- (d) avoid using or threatening force, violence, restraint, or inflicting harm or loss, directly or indirectly;
- (e) promptly report to the Electoral Commission and Police about any electoral offences observed;

- (f) discourage supporters from creating disturbances near polling stations, including loud music; and
- (g) avoid setting up of election camps, checkpoints or offering refreshments to the voters near polling sites.

Transporting incapacitated voters

5. Agents of registered political parties or candidates transporting incapacitated voters shall not enter or loiter in the polling stations with the voters they transport.

Display of campaign materials

6. Campaign advertisements shall adhere to the following directions —

- (a) all advertising materials including billboards and posters shall be displayed only on the approved billboards at designated locations authorised by the Seychelles Land Transport Authority and the Police;
- (b) advertising materials shall not be placed on walls, buildings, roads, public or private infrastructure including the poles or fences;
- (c) the maximum size of a billboard shall be 4ft. by 8ft. and a poster shall be of an A2 size glued on plywood or board of the same size to be affixed on a pole;
- (d) only one poster of a candidate is allowed on each pole;
- (e) materials shall not be displayed before acceptance of a candidate's nomination and shall be displayed only after 6 PM on the day of acceptance of nomination; and
- (f) all campaign materials shall be removed within fourteen days from the date of conclusion of the election.

Cloth banners

7. Cloth banners, where necessary, shall be —
- (a) used as an alternative to the pasted posters wherever feasible;
 - (b) displayed only with the approval of the Seychelles Land Transport Authority and the Police, except at rally sites; and
 - (c) removed within fourteen days from the date of conclusion of the election.

Conduct outside electoral campaigns

8. Between election cycles, registered political parties shall —
- (a) promote respect for election laws and regulations and maintain public trust in the democratic processes;
 - (b) educate supporters on respectful conduct and discourage hate speeches; and
 - (c) refrain from spreading misinformation or disinformation or false claims about the election process, the Electoral Commission, or other political parties.

Repeal

9. The Elections (Conduct of Registered Political Parties and Candidates during Election) Regulations, 2020 (S.I. 141 of 2020) are hereby repealed.

MADE this 27th day of May, 2025.

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