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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) (No.2) 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; and
 - (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 a 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.

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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 election camps, checkpoints or offering refreshments to the voters near polling sites.

Incapacitated voters

- **5.**(1) Where a political party, candidate or any person acting on their behalf arranges, provides or facilitates transport for an incapacitated voter to attend a polling station for the purpose of voting, that party, candidate or person shall ensure that
 - (a) transport is made available to return back to the voter's usual place of residence or to another location previously agreed with the voter or the voter's caregiver, immediately after the voter has casted his vote; and
 - (b) the voter is not left unattended, unsupervised or otherwise stranded within the polling station or its environs.
- (2) Political parties and candidates shall ensure that their polling agents, representatives or affiliates comply with the restrictions on assisting incapacitated voters as provided under the Elections Act (Cap. 262).
 - (3) No person shall be selected to assist an incapacitated voter unless that person
 - (a) has attained the age of 18 years; and
 - (b) is not a candidate or a polling or counting agent in the electoral area in which the incapacitated voter is registered.

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- (4) No person may serve as an assistant for more than two (2) incapacitated voters in the same election.
- (5) The person selected to assist shall make a declaration in the form specified by the Electoral Commission before rendering any assistance.

Certified registers of voters

- **6**.(1) Every candidate duly nominated shall be entitled to be provided with a certified copy of the Register of Voters as follows
 - (a) in the case of a Presidential Election, a certified copy of the Register of Voters for each electoral area;
 - (b) in the case of a National Assembly Election, a certified copy of the Register of Voters for the electoral area in which the candidate is contesting.
- (2) A candidate or political party shall use the Register of Voters strictly and solely for the purposes connected with the election for which the candidate has been nominated, in accordance with the Elections Act (Cap. 262).
- (3) The use or dissemination of the Register of Voters for any other purpose, including but not limited to commercial, personal or non-electoral use is strictly prohibited.

Conduct outside electoral campaigns

- 7. 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

8. The Elections (Conduct of Registered Political Parties and Candidates during Election) Regulations, 2025 (S.I. 37 of 2025) are hereby repealed.

MADE this 29th day of July, 2025.

WENDY DIDON CHAIRPERSON OF ELECTORAL COMMISSION