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*SCHEDULE*

IN exercise of the power conferred on the Electoral Commission by article 51 of the Constitution these Regulations are made this 10th day of February, 2016.

*Registration of Voters*

**Qualification for registration**

1. (1) A person is entitled to have the name of that person included in the register of voters of an electoral area, if that person is

 *(a)* a citizen of Ghana;

 *(b)* eighteen years of age or above;

 *(c)* of sound mind

 *(d)* resident or ordinarily resident in an electoral area; and

 *(e)* not prohibited by any law in force from registration as a voter.

(2) For the purpose of paragraph (d) of subregulation (1), a person who is confined in a penal institution located in an electoral area is resident in that electoral area.

(3) A person who applies for registration as a voter shall provide as evidence of identification one of the following:

1. a passport;
2. a driver’s licence;
3. a national identification card;
4. an existing voter identification card; or
5. one voter registration identification guarantee form as set out in Form One of the Schedule that has been completed and signed by two registered voters.

(4) Despite paragraph (e) of subregulation (3), a registered voter shall not guarantee the identity of more than five persons.

**Registration Centres and electoral areas**

1. (1) The Commission
	1. Shall designate registration centres for the purpose of registering voters; and
	2. May designate any place it considers appropriate as a registration centre.

 (2) In designating a place as a registration centre, the Commission shall take into consideration

*(a)* the suitability of the place for use as a polling station on election day; and

*(b)* the accessibility of the place to prospective applicants for registration.

 (3) The Commission shall at least twenty-one days before the first day of the national registration voters, inform political parties and the general public by publication in the *Gazette* of a place it designates as a registration centre.

 (4) Unless the Commission otherwise directs, the polling station in existence immediately before the coming into force of these regulations shall constitute registration centres for the registration of voters under these Regulations.

**Voters registers**

1. (1) Each electoral area shall have a voters register consisting of the voters registers of the polling stations in the electoral area.

(2) Each constituency shall have a register consisting of the voters registers of the electoral areas within the constituency concerned.

**Registration officials**

1. The Commission shall appoint a registration officer, a registration assistant, and any other official it considers necessary, for each registration centre.

**Functions of a registration officer**

1. A registration officer shall

*(a)* control the proceedings at the registration centre;

*(b)* keep the equipment for registration and be accountable for the registration forms and other materials assigned to the registration centre during the entire period of registration;

*(c)* keep records of the proceedings at the registration Centre in the manner determined by the Commission;

*(d)* report promptly and in the most convenient manner to the district officer of the Commission or registration supervisors, any difficulties encountered at the registration centre for which that registration officer is responsible.

*(e)* at the end of each registration day of the national registration period make available to the political parties the names, ages, dates of birth, sex and residential addresses of the applicants registered at the centre and those whose registration have been challenged ; and

*(f)* at the end of the registration period return, in person, all the registration forms, equipment and other material in the custody of that registration officer to the Commission.

**Functions of a registration assistant**

**6.** A registration assistant shall

*(a)* capture the required biometric and biographic information of applicants;

(b) print the voter identification and;

*(c)* laminate the voter identification card; and

*(d)* carry out any other duties assigned to that registration assistant by the registration officer.

**Registration supervisors**

**7.** (1) The Commission shall for the purpose of registration of voters appoint for each district in the country, registration supervisors consisting of

 *(a)* a registration supervisor, and

 *(b)* two deputy registration supervisors.

 (2) The registration supervisors shall

*(a)* make frequent visits to the registration centres in the district during the period or registration;

*(b)* ensure that the prescribed registration procedures are complied with;

*(c)* ensure that the essential registration materials and equipment are available; and

*(d)* make prompt written reports to the district officer or the regional director of the Commission on

(i) the availability of registration materials and equipment; and

(ii) any lapses in the performance of duty by officials responsible for the registration of voters.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (d) of subregulation (2), reports include reports sent by electronic mail, except that where a report is submitted by electronic mail, the hard copy of that report shall be submitted to the recipient of the electronic mail within seventy-two hours after the electronic mail has been sent.

(4)The registration supervisor shall not keep registration forms and equipment during the registration period but shall assist the district officer of the commission in the distribution and collection of registration forms and other essential registration materials and equipment to and from the registration centres.

(5)A person who is not authorized by the Commission shall not have access to data on registration.

**Objection to appointment of registration supervisors and registration officials**

**8.**(1) The Commission shall make available to the interested persons or parties a the district office, the names and pictures of persons it proposes to appoint as registration supervisors, registration officers, registration assistants and any other official for the centres not later than fourteen days before they are appointed.

 (2) A registered political party or any interested person may in writing object to any person proposed for appointment as a registration supervisor, a registration officer, a registration assistant, or any other official within seven days after the names of the proposed officers have been made available.

 (3) The objection shall be based on factual and verifiable evidence and be made to the Commission.

(4) The Commission shall communicate the decision of the Commission to the parties involved within seven days after receipt of the objection.

**Period of registration**

**9.** (1) TheCommission shall register voters on a continuous basis.

 (2) The Commission shall in consultation with registered political parties determine the modalities for the continuous registration of voters.

 (3) The Commission may by notice in the Gazette

*(a)*specify a period during which the registration of voters shall take place; or

  *(b)*review the original period set aside for registration.

 (4) The Commission shall include in the register of voters, the name of a person who qualifies for registration as a voter and is registered but shall not include in the register of voters the name of a person who qualifies to register as a voter for an election but who registers less than sixty days to that election.

**Access to registration centre**

**10.**  (1) A person shall not enter a registration centre unless that person

*(a)* is applying to be registered as a voter;

*(b)* is a member or official of the Commission;

*(c)* is submitting a complaint or other official document to the registration officer; or

*(d)*is authorized in writing by the Commission to do so.

 (2) The Commission may authorized or give an opportunity to

*(a)* an agent of a registered political party;

*(b)* an interested body; or

*(c)* any other person

to observe activities at a registration centre during the period set aside for registration.

 (3) The names of agents of registered political parties shall be submitted to the Commission not later than seven days before the start of registration.

 (4) Despite subregulation (3), a registered political party may change the name of an agent whose particulars have been submitted not later than three days before the start of registration under special circumstances.

 (5) An organisation interested in observing the registration shall not later than twenty-one days before the start of registration submit to the Commission the names of persons that the organisation proposes to act as observers.

**Authorised persons**

**11.** (1) Any of the following persons may give instructions or directives to a registration officer, registration assistant or any other registration official and shall have the right to enter a registration centre:

*(a)* a member of the Commission;

*(b)* a senior personnel of the head office of the Commission charged with monitoring the registration;

*(c)* a regional director of the Commission and a deputy regional director of the Commission;

*(d)* a district officer of the Commission; and

*(e)* a registration supervisor of a district.

 (2) For the purpose of paragraph (b) of subregulation (1), a senior personnel charged with monitoring the registration means a person assigned by the Commission to monitor the registration exercise.

**Keeping order at a registration centre**

**12.** (1) The registration officer shall maintain order at the registration centre assigned to the registration officer.

 (2)The registration officer may authorise a security officer to immediately remove from a registration centre a person.

*(a)* who behaves in a manner to disrupt proceedings at the registration centre; or

*(b)* who fails to obey the lawful orders of the registration officer and that person shall not be allowed to enter the registration centre without the permission of the registration officer.

 (3) Where the person removed under subregulation (2) is an agent of a political party, the registration officer shall inform the political party who appointed the agent to replace the agent.

 (4) A person who has been removed from a registration centre may, if charged with the Commission of an offence, be dealt with as a person taken into custody by a police officer for an offence without a warrant.

 (5) The powers conferred by this regulation shall not be exercised to prevent an applicant who is entitled to register at a registration centre from having the opportunity to register at that centre.

**Application for registration**

**13.** (1) The Commission shall by notice published in the *Gazette* inform a person who is entitled to be registered as a voter to apply, during a period specified in the notice, to the registration officer, for an inclusion of the name in the register of the electoral area in which that person

 *(a)* is resident or ordinarily resident; or

 *(b)*is permitted by law to register

 (2) The application for registration shall be as set out in Form Two of the Schedule.

 (3) The applicant shall appear in person before the registration officer at the registration centre at the time specified by the Commission by notice published in the *Gazette*.

 (4) The applicant shall

*(a)*supply the information required to complete the application form; and

 *(b)*with the thumbprint, authenticate the completed application form.

 (5) The registration officer shall complete the application form on behalf of the applicant.

 (6) The information required for the registration of an applicant as a voter includes the following particulars of the applicant:

 (a) full name, surname, first name and any other names;

 (b) date of birth;

 (c) age;

 (d) sex;

 (e) place of birth;

 (f) residential address;

 (g) names of parents; and

 (h) hometown.

 (7) A registration assistant shall capture the biometric information, made up of the ten finger prints and the photograph of the head, showing the bare face and two ears without any obstruction of the applicant.

 (8) Where a person with less than ten fingers requests to be registered, the registration assistant shall capture the prints of the available fingers.

 (9) The Commission shall make alternative arrangements in relation to biometric information for a person who has no fingers.

 (10) A special list shall be created for persons who fall under subregulations (8) and (9).

 (11) The Commission may vary the application procedure and the period of registration in the case of

 *(a)*a person in legal custody; and

 *(b)*a person with disability or a person who is incapacitated.

 (12) Where it appears from an application that the applicant should be registered as a voter in a constituency other than that to which the application relates, the registration officer shall direct the applicant to the constituency where the applicant should be registered.

**Registration and issue of identification card**

**14.**Where there is no challenge to the application for registration, the registration officer shall enter the name and data of the applicant in the provisional register and shall issue to the applicant a voter identification card in the form determined by the Commission.

**Replacement of voter identification card**

**15.**(1) A person who identification card is

 (a) lost,

 (b) stolen,

 (c) damaged,

 (d) tampered with, or

 (e) destroyed

 Shall report to the district officer of the Commission.

 (2) The Commission shall on the basis of the recommendation of the district officer authorise the issuance of a replacement voter identification card to the applicant at a cost to be determine by the Commission.

 (3) The replacement identification card shall have the word “REPLACED” written on it to indicate that it is a replacement identification card.

**Use of biometric information**

**16.** (1) The biometric information of a person registered as a voter shall not be made available to any other person or authority except on the orders of the High Court.

 (2) A person who contravenes subregulation (1) commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than two thousand penalty units, or to a term of imprisonment of not more than four years or to both.

*Complaints and Challenges*

**Complaints**

**17.** (1) Without limiting any of the provisions in these Regulations, a person who is qualified to be registered as a voter may submit a complaint as set out in Form Three of the Schedule concerning a registration irregularity to a registration officer or any of the officials specified in subregulation (1) or regulation 11.

 (2) An official to whom a complaint is made or referred shall make a record of the complaint and either

 *(a)*resolve the matter; or

 *(b)*refer the matter to the next higher officer of the Commission for further action.

**Challenging an application for registration**

**18.** (1) A person appointed to register voters, a person authorized by the Commission to monitor the registration of voters or a person qualified to be registered as a voter may challenge a person applying to be registered as a voter on the grounds that the applicant does not satisfy the requirements provided in regulation 1.

 (2) Where a person’s application f registration is challenged and that person claims to be qualified to be registered as a voter;

*(a)* the person making the challenge shall complete the voter registration challenge form as set out in Form Four of the Schedule and keep a copy of the challenge form;

*(b)* the registration officer shall complete the registration form on behalf of the applicant but shall not issue the applicant with a voter identification card;

*(c)* the registration officer shall send the completed voter registration form together with the completed voter registration challenge form to the district electoral officer ; and

*(d)* the district electoral officer shall send the competed voter registration form together with the completed voter registration challenge form to the District Registration Review Committee established under regulation 19.

**District Registration Review Committee**

**19.** (1) There is established in each district a District Registration Review Committee referred to in these Regulations as “the Committee”, which shall examine challenges related to the registration of voters in the district.

 (2) A District Registration Review Committee consists of

*(a)* one representative of each registered political party active in the district;

*(b)* the district officer of the Commission, wo shall be the secretary to the Committee;

*(c)* the Police Commander in the district or the representative of that Police Commander;

*(d)* the District Director of Education or the representative of that District Director; and

*(e)* one representative of the traditional authorities in the district.

 (3) The District Registration Review Committee shall appoint its own chairperson from among its members but a member specified under subregulation (2)*(a)* shall not be appointed as a chairperson of the Committee.

 (4) The Committee shall regulate the conduct of its proceedings.

 (5) Without limiting subregulation (4), the conduct of proceedings by the Committee, shall be fair to the parties to the dispute.

**Functions of the Committee**

**20.** (1) On the receipt of the competed voter registration form of a challenged applicant and the competed voter registration challenge from as provided for in regulation 18 (2), the Committee shall within

*(a)* seven days examine the grounds of the challenge to the application;

*(b)* seven days decide whether or not the applicant is qualified to be registered as a voter; and

*(c)* forty-eight hours after its decision communicate the decision in writing to the Commission, the applicant and any other interested party.

 (2) In furtherance of its functions under subregulation (1), the Committee

*(a)* shall serve notice on parties concerned as set out in Form Five of the Schedule;

*(b)* shall take evidence from the parties concerned;

*(c)* shall examine relevant document;

*(d)* shall call witnesses to testify, if any; and

*(e)* may carry out any investigation relevant to the issue.

 (3) The Commission shall for the purpose of taking evidence and calling witnesses have the same powers as a District Court.

 (4) The Commission shall give effect to the decision of the Committee fourteen days after the parties to the dispute have been informed of the decision of the Committee unless the Commission has received written notification that either party have appealed against the decision to the Chief Registration Review Officer under regulation 21.

**Chief Registration Review Officer**

**21.** (1) In each region, a judge of the High Court shall be the Chief Registration Review Officer and shall determine appeals against the decisions of the District Registration Review Committee.

 (2) The practice and procedure for the hearing of appeals under this regulation shall be determined by the Chief Registration Review Officer.

 (3) The Chief Registration Review Officer shall, in writing, communicate the decision arrived at on appeal to the Commission, to the parties and the Commission shall comply with the decision.

*Provisional Voters Register*

**Compilation of provisional register of voters**

**22.** (1) The Commission shall, not later than three months from the end of t registration period, compile a provisional register of voters in the country, starting the name, age, sex, residential address and showing he photograph of each person whose application for registration was accepted at a registration centre.

 (2) At the end of the compilation of the provisional register as provided in subregulation (1), a copy of the provisional register shall be given to each registered political party in the form determined by the Commission.

**Exhibition**

**23.** (1) The Commission shall cause the provisional register of voters of each polling station to be displayed for public inspection at the registration centre for the period that the Commission may by notice in the *Gazette* specify.

 (2) During the exhibition period

*(a)* any registered voter may inspect the provisional register of voters to ascertain that the particulars on hat voters identification card are the same as the particulars contained in the provisional register of voters and in case of any discrepancy, request the exhibition officers to make the necessary correction I the provisional register;

*(b)* any personwhose application for registration during the registration period was accepted but whose name and other particulars do not appear in the provisional register of voters may make a claim as set out in Form Six of the Schedule for the name and particulars of that person to be entered in the provisional register;

*(c)* a person entitled to be registered as a voter may object as set out in Form Seven of the Schedule to a person whose name appears in the provisional register of voters on the ground that the person is not qualified to be registered as a voter; and

*(d)* an officer of the Commission may object as set out in Form Seven of the Schedule to a person whose name appears in the provisional register of voters on the ground that that person is not qualified to be registered as a voter.

(3) The Commission shall in addition to the publication provided in subregulation (1), post the provisional register on the website of the Commission.

**Exhibition officer**

**24.** (1) The Commission shall appoint for each registration centre, an exhibition officer to exhibit the provisional register.

 (2) The exhibition officer shall

*(a)* assist registered voters to find their names in the provisional voters register;

*(b)* verify whether the details in the provisional voters register are the same as those on the identification card and if there is discrepancy make the necessary correction in the register;

*(c)* before making a correction in the provisional register complete the Correction Form as set out in Form Eight of the Schedule indicating the nature of the discrepancy in the voter’s particulars;

*(d)* check for clerical errors and fill in the appropriate form;

*(e)* receive claims and objections in the prescribed form concerning the inclusion of a person’s name and other particulars in the provisional register; and

*(f)* fill the form set out in Form Seven of the Schedule on the ground that a person is not qualified to be registered as a voter.

**Claims and objections after publication of provisional register of voters**

**25.** (1) A person who has a right to have the particulars including the name of that person to be included in the provisional register or to object to the inclusion of any name or the omission of any name from the register may on the publication of the provisional register, submit a complaint as sent out in From Six or Form Seven of the Schedule as the case may be to the exhibition officer in respect of any matter relating to the particulars of a person included or omitted in the provisional register.

 (2) The exhibition officer shall, within three days after the exhibition period has ended,

(a) exhibition in a conspicuous place in the registration centre

 (i) a list as set out in Form Nine of the Schedule of persons who have applied to be included in the voters register;

 (ii) a list as set out in Form Ten of the Schedule of persons whose inclusion in the register is the subject of an objection; and

 (iii) a list as set out in Form Eleven of the Schedule of persons whose names occur more than once;

(b) send two copies of each of the lists to the district officer of the Commission; and

(c) send the exhibited provisional register with the corrections of the exhibition officer, to the district officer of the Commission.

 (3) The Commission may determine the other relevant particulars that are to be contained in the list.

 (4) The district officer of the Commission shall

*(a)* keep a copy of each of the lists of claims and objections, at the office of the district officer; and

*(b)* send a copy of the lists of claims and objections to the concerned regional director of the Commission.

**Settling claims and objections on provisional register**

**26.** (1) A district officer of the Commission shall, within seven days from the date of receipt of the lists of claims and objections from the exhibition officer, submit the complaints and objections to the District Registration Review Officer for determination, and give notice to each person

*(a)* against whom an objection has been raised of the objection, and the reasons for the objection, and

 *(b)* who has made a claim

to attend the hearing presided by the District Registration Review Officer for the determination of the objection or claim.

 (2) The notice shall be as set out in Form Eleven of the Schedule.

 (3) For the purpose of subregulation (1), the District Court Magistrate shall be the District Registration Review Officer.

 (4) A Judge of the High Court, who is appointed the Chief Registration Review Officer of the region in which a district is located, shall appoint a lawyer of not less than three years standing and who is preferably resident in the district to be the District Registration Review Officer, if a District Court does not exist in the district or if the magistrate of the District Court is absent.

 (5) The district Registration Review Officer shall determine the procedure for settling claims and objections but

(a) a party to an issue shall be heard in person or may be represented by a lawyer;

(b) the lawful possession by a claimant of an authentic identification card issued by the Commission shall be prima facie evidence of registration; and

(c) a person is not entitled to make a claim or raise an objection in relation to a matter on which the High court has made a determination before the period of the exhibition of the provisional voters register.

 (6) The District Registration Review officer shall, in writing on the same day of making a decision or as soon as practicable, inform the Commission, the person who is making the claim and the person to whom the objection relates of the decision of that District Registration Review Officer.

 (7) The Commission shall give effect to the decision of the District Registration Review Officer within fourteen days after the person making the claim or the person to whom the objection relates had been informed unless the Commission has received certified notification of an appeal to the High Court under subregulation (8).

 (8) A person aggrieved by the decision of the District Registration Review Officer may appeal to the High Court.

 (9) The High Court shall as soon as practicable inform he Commission and the parties in dispute of its decision and he Commission shall give effect to the decision.

**Certified register**

27. (1) The Commission shall certify the register after the determination of claims or objections.

 (2) The procedure for certifying the register include the following:

*(a)* matching of fingerprints in the database of the Commission by automatic fingerprint identification system;

*(b)* examination of facial and personal data of all applications with multiple registrations by an adjudication supervisor of the Commission;

*(c)* confirmation or rejection of a registered voter by an adjudication supervisor of the Commission;

*(d)* printing of the adjudication report by the adjudication supervisor of the Commission;

*(e)* review of the adjudication report of the adjudication supervisor by an Adjudication Review Committee made up of

(i) Directors and selected officers at the Head office of the Commission

 (ii) political party representatives; and

 (iii) representatives of selected Civil Society Originations

 to determine all cases of suspected multiple registrations;

1. submission of the report of the Adjudication Review Committee to the chairperson of the Commission for authentication and approval; and
2. addition of approved names to the final register or deletion of unapproved names from the register.

 (3) After the register has been certified it shall be published in the manner determined by the Commission and shall replace any existing voters register.

 (4) The Commission shall make available a certified copy of the register to the registered political parties and any other person that the Commission considers necessary not later than twenty-one days after the register has been certified.

*Offences and Miscellaneous provisions*

**Registration Offences**

**28.**  (1) A person who

*(a)* registers as a voter when that person does not qualify to be registered;

*(b)* registers as a voter more than once either at the same registration centre or at different registration centres;

*(c)* registers as a voter in the name of another person;

*(d)* by force or threat of use of physical or spiritual force, prevents a person from exercising the right to register as a voter;

*(e)* knowingly presents or gives false information I the application or claim of that person for registration, or in connection with the application or claim of another person for registration;

*(f)* forges, wilfully defaces or destroys any official notice, paper, document, equipment, instrument and any other material relating to the registration of voters;

*(g)* delivers to any official connected with the registration of voters, any paper or other documents in connection with the registration of voters which that person knows to be false;

*(h)* challenges or objects to the inclusion of the name of another person in the register of voters on a ground that that person knows to be false;

*(i)* gives a voters registration form to another person when that person is not a registration officer;

*(j)* without authority from the Commission gives a form relating to the registration of voters to another person;

*(k)* without authority from the Commission prints any form relating to the registration of voters;

*(l)* disrupts proceedings at a registration centre or in any way interferes with the work of an official connected with registration of voters;

*(m)* offers anything of actual or potential value to a person to induce that person not to register as a voter;

*(n)* makes an entry or a statement which that person knows to be false or does not believe to be true for the purpose of registering a voter;

*(o)* carries out registration of voters at a place other than a place designated as a registration centre by the Commission;

*(p)* tampers with any registration equipment;

*(q)* alters captured registration data without authority;

*(r)* transfers biometric information to another device without authorisation;

*(s)* wilfully refuses to provide an electoral form when required’;

*(t)* intentionally brings an electronic device that interferes with the performance of the equipment to a registration centre or any data centre of the Commission or

*(u)* procures a person to commit any of the offences under this regulation

Commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than five hundred penalty units or to a term of imprisonment of not more than two years or to both.

**Voter identification card offences**

**29.** (1) Aperson who possesses the identification card of another person without the express consent of that other person commits an offence.

 (2) A political party or any other organisation shall not be in possession of the identification card of any of its members or of any other person without the express written consent of that member or that other person.

 (3) A person wo finds a lost identification card shall, within fourteen days after finding that card, surrender the card to the district officer of the Commission or a police officer in charge of the nearest police station, otherwise that person shall be deemed to be in unlawful possession of another person’s identification card.

 (4) A police officer to whom a lost identification card has been surrendered shall surrender the card to the district officer of the Commission within fourteen days after card had been given to that police officer otherwise that police officer shall be deemed to be in unlawful possession of another person’s identification card.

 (5) An individual who commits the offence of unlawful possession of another person’s identification card is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than three hundred penalty units or a term of imprisonment of not more than six months for each identification card which that individual held unlawfully.

 (6) A political party, organisation or a group of persons which commits the offence of unlawful possession of an identification card is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than one thousand penalty units and an additional fine of one hundred penalty units for each identification card held unlawfully.

**Revision of the register**

**30.** (1) The Commission shall revise the register of voters annually and may revise the register of voters for each electoral area within a period that the Commission shall determine.

 (2) The process for registration as provided in these Regulations apply with the necessary modification as the Commission shall direct for the revision of any register.

**Publication in the Gazette**

**31.** When any matter is required in these Regulations to be published in the *Gazette*, it shall in addition to the publication in the *Gazette*, be published

 *(a)* on the radio;

 *(b)* on the television;

 *(c)* in the national newspaper; or

 *(d)* any other medium of mass communication

**Interpretation**

**32.** In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,

“biographic information” means information required under regulation 13 (6) for purposes of establishing a person’s identify;

“biometric information” means the electronic template derived from the measurement and analysis of unique human body characteristics including fingerprints, facial cuttings, eye retinas and irises and thumb measurements for the purpose of establishing a person’s identify;

“certifiedregister” means the final register after claims and objections have been determined;

“Commission” means the Electoral Commission;

“Committee: means the District Registration Review Committee established under regulation 19;

“electronic device” includes mobile phones, computers, wireless equipment, infra-red devices, bluetooth devices and related devices;

“identification card” means a voter identification card issued by the Commission indicating that the bearer whose particulars are specified on the card is a registered voter;

“officer of the Commission” means a member of the office of the Commission, or any other person engaged by the Commission to be present at a registration centre or an exhibition centre in an official capacity;

“ordinarily resident or resides”means a person who within four years prior to the holding of the election that person has lived in the electoral area for an aggregate period of not less than twelve months;

“political party active in the district” means a political party that has an office and elected officers in at least one constituency in that district;

“prescribed” means prescribed by the Commission; and

“provisional register” means the provisional register of voters as provided under regulation 22.

**Revocation and saving**

**33.** (1) The Public Elections (Registration of Voters) Regulations, 2012 (C.I. 72) is hereby revoked.

 (2) Despite the revocation under sub regulation (1), the existing register of voters is saved under these Regulations until a new one is compiled by the Commission.