



كۆميسونى بالاي سه ربه خۆي هه ليارد نه كان له عيراق

## The Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq

### FAQ – OCV Procedures

#### **Will Iraqis residing outside of Iraq be able to vote in the 15 December elections?**

Yes, those eligible to vote will do so through the process called Out-of-Country Voting (OCV) in countries determined by the IECI who allow this kind of voting.

#### **Who is eligible to vote in OCV?**

Any person residing outside of Iraq is eligible to vote in OCV if he or she is:

- an Iraqi citizen or eligible to gain an Iraqi citizenship; and
- 18 years of age in the month of elections
- registered to vote in accordance with IECI procedures

#### **What documents do I need in order to vote?**

Each voter should have at least two of the following documents, one of which must contain a photograph of the voter:

##### **Iraq official documents**

- Personal identity card
- Retirement identity card
- Iraqi nationality book – 1957
- Nationality certificate
- Iraq passports
- Marriage contracts
- Official study certificate issued by official Iraqi universities
- Deed of property
- Military service book

##### **Foreign or International documents (originals)**

- Refugee certificate issued by the United Nations
- Certificates issued by the Red Cross organizations
- Foreign passports, identity cards, or any other international document that may confirm his/her right to own Iraqi nationality
- National driving license
- IECI Registration form 1, on which the person is listed

In exceptional cases the commission may consider any other document which seems sufficient to confirm the voter eligibility

#### **Do out-of-country voters need to register again?**

Yes, they will need to register on the same day that they wish to vote by presenting documents

that prove their eligibility. This applies also to persons who registered for the OCV for the 30 January 2005 elections.

#### **When will the OCV take place?**

In the case of OCV, voting is planned to take place on three days from 13 December to 15 December at designated locations in several host countries.

#### **How will I know where to vote?**

- OCV will take place in the following countries subject to host country agreements: Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Netherlands, Sweden, Syria, Turkey, UAE, UK and USA. Information on OCV voting locations can be obtained from the Iraqi embassy in each of these locations, or visit the IECI website ([www.ieciraq.org](http://www.ieciraq.org))

#### **Will the ballot be the same as the in-country elections?**

The ballot for the OCV is the National Ballot, which will list the names of all coalitions and political entities that have submitted candidates for any of the governorate elections in Iraq. The voter must choose one of these political entities or coalitions. The IECI has produced a poster showing how the voter must mark and cast the ballot. This ballot is also used for special types of voting in Iraq.

#### **So this means that out-of-country voters cannot vote for seats apportioned to governorates?**

Correct. The votes cast out-of-country will be counted towards the allocation of the 45 compensatory seats of the 275-member Council of Representatives.