

Guidelines for Polling Agents



A polling Agent has a vital check and balance role during the Polling Process. This Polling Agent Guidebook is written to communicate the roles and responsibilities that an effective Polling Agent must play, prior to the Polling Day on the Polling Day, and during the Post Polling activities at the Polling Station.

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Introduction

As a Polling Agent... Who am I?



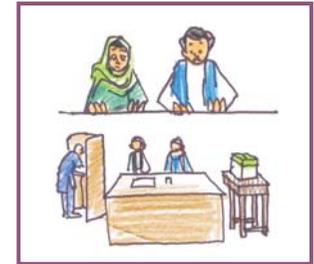
You are a **legally appointed representative of a candidate at a Polling booth** as per Section 23 of the Representation of the People Act, 1976 and Rule 10 of the Representation of the People (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1977.

The candidate holds the authority to revoke your appointment at any time. If the appointment is revoked or the agent dies, another person may be appointed by the candidate to serve as an agent. If this happens, the candidate provides a written notice to the Presiding Officer.

The number of Polling Agents can not exceed the number of polling booths at a polling station. There will be a polling agent of each candidate at each polling booth. Female polling agents will oversee the activities of the female polling stations/booths to ensure the comfort of the female voters.

You are...

- ★ ...the Candidate's 'eyes' and 'ears' during the Election!
- ★ ... the official Monitor at the Polling Station on behalf of the Contesting Candidate.



How can I become a Polling Agent?

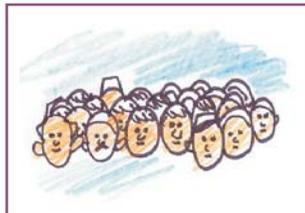
You must...



- ★ Have a written notice from the candidate or his/her election agent officially appointing you as their polling agent at a specified Polling Station.



- ★ Be well-informed about the entire polling process, particularly the roles and responsibilities of Polling personnel.



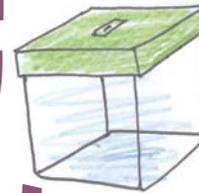
- ★ Know the voters in your area either in person or by name so that they can be identified as they come in to vote;

As a Polling Agent, What do I do?

As the candidate's representative your main responsibilities are on Polling Day. However you do have some responsibilities that precede polling day and continue after. These responsibilities have been outlined in detail in the subsequent sections of this guidebook!

Did You Know?

New transparent ballot boxes will be used for the first time!



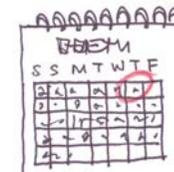
Did You Know?

New voter's screen will be used for the first time to ensure secrecy in marking ballot papers!



Did You Know?

Polling for the National and Provincial Assemblies will be held on the same day!



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Pre-Polling

What are my Responsibilities *Prior* to Polling?

1

Attend a training/briefing session about the polling day held by your candidate or his/her representative. Make sure you pay close attention to all instructions and obtain any clarifications needed!



Obtain an authority letter that designates you as a polling agent, signed by your candidate or his/her election agent.

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What are my Responsibilities Prior to Polling?

3

Obtain electoral roll/voter list from the candidate (or his/her election agent) and ensure that the names on it are authentic. Check e.g. if anyone has moved away, got married or died and make a note against name of such voter.



Gather material to assist your work on polling day:

- ★ *Polling Agent's Guidebook, Monitoring Checklist*
- ★ *Money for challenging voters, if needed*
- ★ *Notebook, Pen*
- ★ *Food and Water*

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Polling Day

What are my Responsibilities on Polling Day?



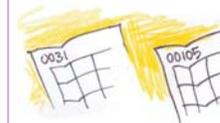
- 1** Arrive at the polling station a minimum of one hour before the polling starts. Observe the setup and see that signs and official posters have been placed by the Polling staff at appropriate places at polling station.



- 2** When invited into the polling station, present the authority letter signed by your candidate or election agent to the Presiding Officer and introduce yourself to all Polling Personnel. You may retain a copy of authority letter for your personal record.



- 3** Prior to polling, ensure that you arrive in time to see the bags containing the ballot papers opened.



- 4** When the counting of the ballot papers received from the Returning Officer, takes place, make sure you note the first and last serial numbers of ballot paper books called out.

What are my Responsibilities on Polling Day?

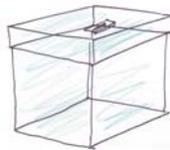
Sign the Statement Form acknowledging the number of ballot papers received at the polling station.

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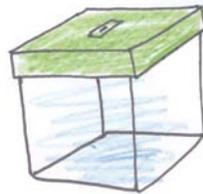
Ensure that the ballot boxes shown by the Presiding Officer are empty, and that you sign the statement recorded in this regard.

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Ensure that the ballot box is closed and sealed by the Presiding Officer. Check the seal no and monogram of ECP on the seal used for sealing of ballot box by the Presiding Officer. Record the seal **numbers** in the checklist provided.

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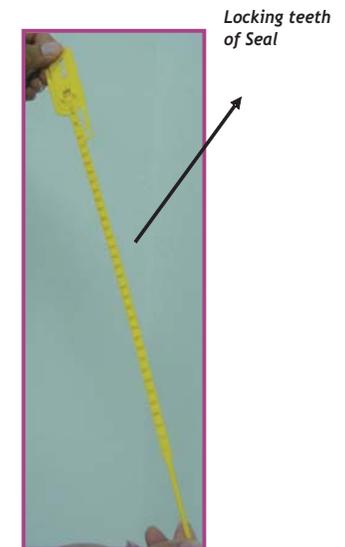
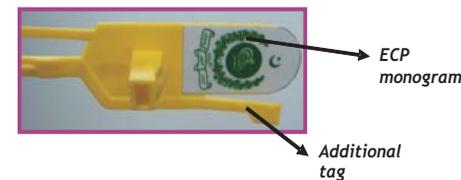
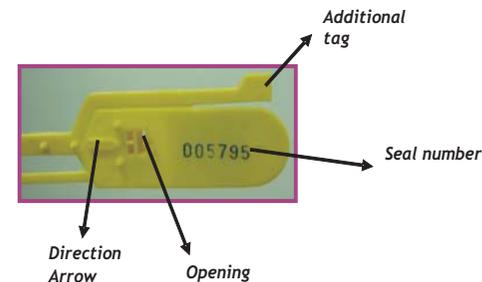
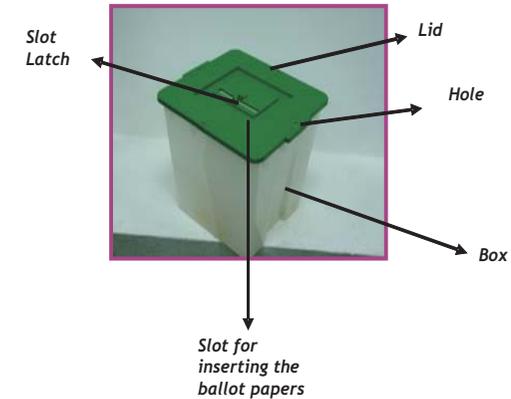
Ensure that the ballot boxes are placed where they are accessible to the voters, as well as in clear view of the polling agents and others present at the polling station.

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New Transparent Ballot Box!

Components of the Ballot Box



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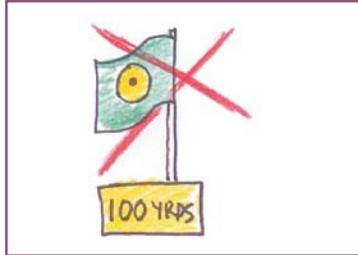
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No canvassing can be made by anyone within 400 yards of the polling station.



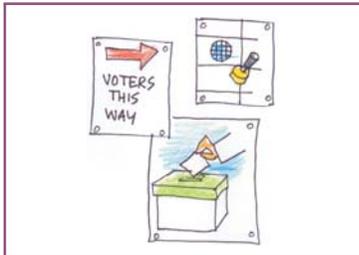
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No signs/flags etc. can be exhibited except with the permission of Returning Officers and that too beyond a radius of 100 yards of the polling station.



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The Presiding Officer is required to place various signs and official posters at the polling station to facilitate the voters.



Do You Know?

Only the following are authorized to enter the Polling Station on the polling day.



District Returning Officer



Returning Officer



Assistant Returning Officers



Officers of Election Commission



Domestic & International Observers
authorized by ECP, PEC or DRO



Media Persons
having authority letter from ECP, PEC or DRO



Police Officer
(if called by the Presiding Officer)



Contesting Candidates



Election Agents of the Candidates



Polling Agents



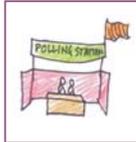
Eligible Voters

Know the Roles & Responsibilities of a Presiding Officer



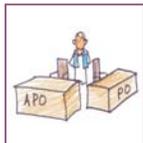
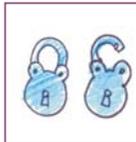
Checking Election Materials & reporting missing items.

Setting up his/her polling station for maximum efficiency.



Ensuring that those voters qualified to vote & who are on Electoral Roll are permitted to vote.

Opening & Closing Polling.



Supervising the work of Assistant Presiding Officers & Polling Officers

Ensuring that the ballot boxes are not tampered with.

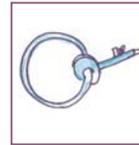


Ensuring secrecy of each voters' vote.

Ensuring that observers, polling agents, candidates & voters conduct themselves correctly.



Know the Roles & Responsibilities of a Presiding Officer



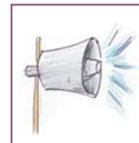
Making security arrangements at Polling Station & limiting access to those having a legal right to be there.

Completing all relevant forms & procedures.



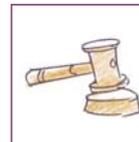
Conducting the count and preparing a statement of count for communication to the Returning Officer.

Affixing a Statement of Count outside the Polling Station.



Announcing of result & supply of copies of results to all concerned Polling/Election Agents/Candidates.

Dispatching materials as per instructions.



Maintaining law and order at the Polling Station and exercising magisterial powers as and when required.

Know the Roles & Responsibilities of an Assistant Presiding Officer



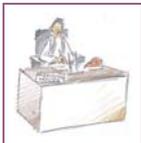
Issuing ballot papers to the voters.

Signing & Stamping at the back of the Ballot Papers.



Ensuring that all information required in the counterfoils is properly entered.

Ensuring the secrecy of each voter's votes.



Assisting the Presiding Officer in conducting his/her duties.

Performing any other function assigned to him/her by the Presiding Officer



Know the Roles & Responsibilities of Polling Officer



Ensuring that each and every voter, who is allowed to cast his/her vote, has a valid National Identity Card.

Calling out name and serial number of the voter in the electoral roll.



Ensuring that voters are struck off the Electoral Roll before issuing of ballot paper.

Inspecting each voter for signs of indelible ink.



Applying indelible ink to the cuticle of the right hand thumb of each voter.

Assisting the Assistant Presiding Officer in conducting his/her duties.



Performing any other function assigned to him/her by the Presiding Officer or Assistant Presiding Officer

Know the Roles & Responsibilities of Observers



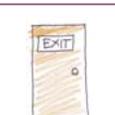
Observing all stages of the voting and counting process, except for watching a voter mark a ballot.

Making notes about his/her observations about the voting process.



If required speaking to the Presiding Officer or other Polling Staff

Entering and leaving the polling station at will.

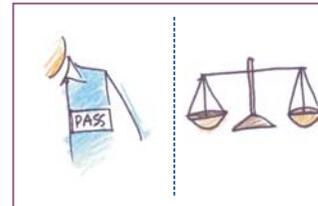


Leaving the polling station after observing the polling process.

Do's & Don'ts of an Observer

The Observer MUST:

- ★ Display his/her accreditation pass at all times
- ★ Show neutrality at all times
- ★ Obey any lawful order given by the Presiding Officer or the Assistant Presiding Officer



The Observer MUST NOT:

- ★ Handle any materials, including ballot papers and the Electoral Roll
- ★ Interfere with or influence voters
- ★ Intimidate the Presiding Officer or other Polling Personnel



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Voting Process

Your Role in the Voting Process

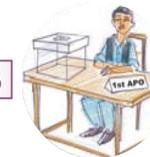
Tip:
When a voter enters and his/her name is called out by the Polling Officer, you should also strike off his/her name in the copy of electoral roll that you have. See that the Polling Officer applies indelible ink on the cuticle of right hand thumb properly.



1
Voter Enters the Polling Station.



2
Polling Officer checks NIC, puts Indelible ink on thumb and strikes off name from Electoral Roll after calling out name and number of Voter.

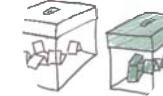


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First APO issues NA Ballot paper & puts official seal and his/her signature on the back of ballot paper. Also makes entries on counterfoil of ballot paper & obtains thumb impression of the voter.

Tip:
See that the back of the N.A ballot paper is stamped with the official seal and signed by the APO.



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Voter Exits Polling Station.

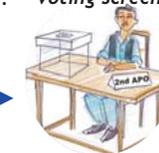


6
Voter places Ballots in relevant Ballot Boxes.

Tip:
See that ballot papers are placed by voter in the correct ballot box. Keep an eye on number of ballot papers that go into each box by a voter.



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Voter marks Ballots with marking aid stamp in the screened off compartment.



4
Second APO issues Provincial Assembly Ballot Paper, repeats process of first APO, hands over marking aid stamp to the voter & sends him to voting screen.

Tip:
See that the back of the Provincial Assembly ballot paper is stamped with the official seal and signed by the APO.

New Voter Screen



These screens will be available at all Polling Stations to facilitate voters to mark their choice in complete secrecy.

Remember !

You must raise concerns if you feel election rules and procedures are not being followed, or your candidate's interests are being compromised.



You must always remain polite and to the point while reporting any matter to the Presiding or Assistant Presiding Officer.



If the response to your concerns is not satisfactory, you must note the incident in your checklist for reporting to your candidate or party officials.



You must avoid creating a situation which may disturb the polling process at the polling station.



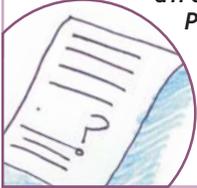
You must accept that the Presiding Officer is officially responsible for running the polling station according to law.



Possible Problems During Voting

Name Does Not Appear on the Electoral Rolls

In case the voter's name does not appear on the electoral rolls, s/he cannot vote at that polling booth and should be directed to the Presiding Officer for guidance.



Voting for Someone Else

There is no electoral provision for proxy voting. Each voter, except one who votes in a postal ballot, must come in person to the polling station in order to vote.



Assisted Voting

The law allows a blind or disabled voter to receive assistance from a companion in casting his/her ballot. The assistant can be whoever the voter chooses, so long as s/he is not a candidate or candidate's agent, the Assistant Presiding Officer or a person under the age of 18. The Presiding Officer is required to look into such cases.



Name already scored out on the Electoral Rolls

If a person comes to vote and has no ink on his/her finger, but his/her name and number has been marked in the Electoral Roll as having voted, s/he will be given a tendered vote. In this case, the voter's name is added to the tendered votes list and the voter is given a ballot. The Presiding Officer or Assistant Presiding Officer APO places the marked ballot in the tendered ballot packet, not in the ballot box.



Possible Problems During Voting

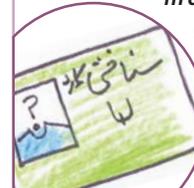
Questionable Identity or Challenged Vote

Any polling agent has the right to challenge the vote of any person who s/he believes is:

- ★ Impersonating another voter
- ★ Someone who has already voted

First, deposit two rupees with the Presiding Officer and get a receipt for it. The Voter's name is added to the challenged votes list and s/he is given a ballot paper.

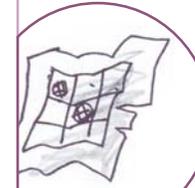
The Presiding or Assistant Presiding Officer places the marked ballot paper in the challenged ballot packet, not in the ballot box.



Spoilt Ballot Paper

A spoilt ballot paper is one that has been accidentally marked or torn or otherwise altered so that it cannot be used as a valid ballot paper.

In case of a spoilt ballot paper the Presiding or Assistant Presiding Officer will write the word "spoilt" on the back of the ballot paper and over the signature on the counterfoil, then place it in the proper package for the spoilt paper ballots. A new ballot paper will be issued to the voter in the same way as before.



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To minimize the inconvenience of voting for pregnant women, the elderly and the disabled, these voters may be permitted to go to the front of the queue without waiting. This is not the law, but a decent practice that all those working in the polling station should agree to.



Do's for the Polling Agent

Your very presence is critical!



You must be physically present, and mentally alert at the Polling Station. You must remain there throughout, until voting and counting are completed (or you have been relieved by another Polling Agent for your candidate). If you are not at your polling booth, no one will defend your party or candidate.

Raise Concerns



If you have a question or concern, you must raise the issue with the Assistant Presiding Officer or Presiding Officer, and insist that it be solved or registered. If you do not raise concerns on behalf of your party or candidate, no one else will.

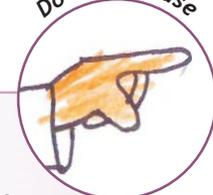
Document and Share Concerns



On the given checklist, note your observations about the polling process so that you can share this information with your party representatives or candidate. If the voting and counting process was problem free, your candidate/ party needs to know that. And if there were mistakes or rigging your candidate/ party needs to know that as well!

Don'ts for the Polling Agent

Do Not Accuse



Avoid partisan judgments and false accusations because it can hurt your reputation and those of your candidate or party.

Do Not Intimidate Voters



On polling day do not campaign on behalf of your candidate or party. Do not intimidate or interfere with voters.

Do Not Panic



If any problem arises, stay calm and report to the Presiding Officer. Document the problem on your checklist or notebook for reporting to your candidate or party officials.

Remember !

The Presiding Officers have the powers of the Magistrate First Class and can try summarily the following offences:



Impersonating another voter (Section 80 of the Representation of the Peoples Act, 1976).



Capturing the Polling station and/or Polling Booth (Section 82A of the Representation of the Peoples Act, 1976).



Conducting a Public Meeting less than 48 hours prior to Polling. (Section 84 of the Representation of the Peoples Act, 1976).



Canvassing within 400 yards of the Polling Station (Section 85 of the Representation of the Peoples Act, 1976).



Disorderly conduct near the Polling Station (Section 86 of the Representation of the Peoples Act, 1976).



Tampering with Ballot papers (Section 87 of the Representation of the Peoples Act, 1976).



Attempting to vote without qualification.



Attempting to vote more than once.



Intentionally destroying a ballot paper.

Remember !

The Presiding Officers have the powers of the Magistrate First Class and can try summarily the following offences:



Removing a ballot paper from the polling station



Exhibiting within 100 yards of the polling station any signs and/or banners encouraging or discouraging votes for any contesting candidates



Interfering with polling staff while they perform their duties



Using a megaphone or loudspeaker to shout persistently near the polling station on polling day



Disturbing or annoying any voter coming to vote



Stuffing the Ballot Box



Supplying a ballot paper to someone without authority



Causing any delay or interruption in the closing of the poll and counting of the ballots



Destroying, taking, opening or otherwise interfering with a ballot box or packet of ballot papers.



Aiding & abetting someone into doing any of the above

End of the Polling

This is a critical time and you must remain very alert! Keep a close eye on the ballot boxes in your booth, and accompany them to the counting place. Remember that as per rules

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The Presiding Officer must announce the closing time officially appointed by Election Commission. If there are voters in the queue or within the premises of the polling station at the closing time they will be allowed to vote. However, no addition to such queue is permissible after



closing hours. The Presiding Officer must ensure that no addition to the queue is made by anyone. As a Polling Agent it is your responsibility to observe that no voter (other than those already in the queue) is allowed to caste vote after closing hours.

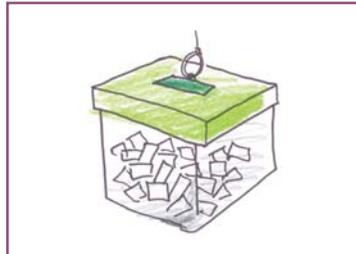
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After the last person has voted, only the Polling Officials, Candidates, their Election/ Polling Agents or authorized Observers can remain in the polling station.



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At the close of polling, the ballot box slot must be closed by the Assistant Presiding Officer. All ballot boxes and other election material will be collected and moved to the place fixed for counting the ballot papers;.



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Post Polling

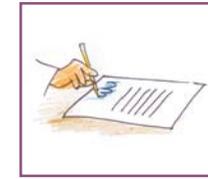
Monitor the Counting

The counting stage is absolutely critical, and as a Polling Agent you must be physically present and mentally alert, ensuring

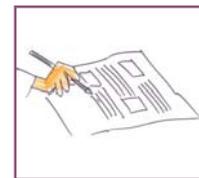
That your candidate's interest is well represented. If you see problems, raise the issue, but without creating a scene.



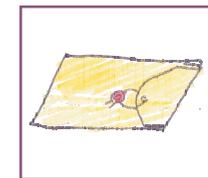
That after completion of count of all the **valid votes** of contesting candidates by Presiding Officer, you check statement of the count, and sign it. Take a copy of this statement.



That after completion of count of **ballot papers** by the Presiding Officer, you check statement of the ballot paper account, and sign it. Take a copy.



That the Presiding Officer seals the packets properly, and that all the material is present in the packets. You can sign the packets as well.



Observe the Count

The Presiding Officer will follow the process given below while counting the ballot papers. S/he will:

Create a counting space in the center of the room

Invite observers and polling agents to view the process

Empty the contents of all NA Ballot boxes on the table

Remove any white PA ballot papers for counting later

Count and recount ALL NA ballot papers.

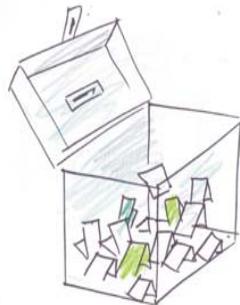
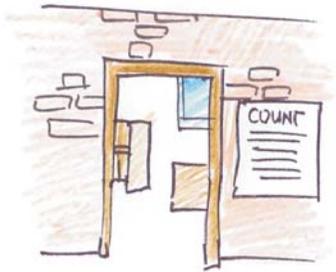
Enter total number of Ballot Papers on Line 2, Form XV

Examine Ballot papers for validity

Distribute Valid Ballot papers according to candidates

Count & recount valid candidate specific NA ballot papers

(APO helping in counting will) report Valid NA ballot papers per candidate to Presiding Officer



Count any NA papers in PA ballot box and adjust figures

Repeat this process in order to conduct the PA count

Complete Ballot Paper Account Form

Put all (valid & invalid) challenged ballot papers in ECP VII envelop

Enter number of challenged votes in Column 4 of Statement of Count

Count valid challenged votes per candidate

Place all ECP I and ECP II packets in ECP III envelop for NA

Complete Form XIV Statement of the Count

Put all the counted ballots in appropriate NA packets

Place candidate specific ballot papers in ECP-1 NA packet

Place all invalid ballot papers in ECP II NA packet

Recognize Type of Ballot Paper



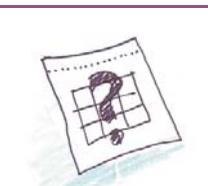
Valid

A ballot paper that has only one mark (by marking aid stamp) on it and that clearly indicated the voter's choice. The Presiding Officer decides which ballot papers are valid. Valid ballot papers are counted.



Invalid

A ballot paper is invalid i.e. excluded from the count, if it is not possible to determine the voter's choice of candidate, or which are not marked according to the law. The Presiding Officer decides which ballot papers are to be excluded from the count. Invalid ballot papers are not counted for any candidate.



Challenged

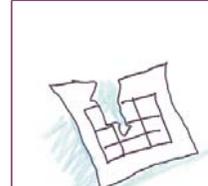
A ballot paper given to a voter whose eligibility is challenged by a Polling Agent. Challenged ballot papers are put in special packet rather than the ballot box. Challenged ballot papers are counted.

Recognize Type of Ballot Paper



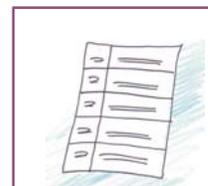
Tendered

A ballot paper given to a voter whose name has already been scored out from the voter's list, but who insists s/he has not voted, and does not have indelible ink on his/her thumb. These ballot papers are put in special packet, not in ballot box. Tendered ballot papers are not counted.



Spoilt

A ballot paper on which a voter has incorrectly made his or her mark. A voter can return a spoilt ballot paper to the Assistant Presiding Officer in exchange for a new ballot paper. Spoilt ballot papers are put in a special packet and are not counted for any candidate.



Un-issued

A ballot paper that is unused.

Remember !

The Presiding Officer will...
Include the following ballots in the counting:

Those where due to over inking and wrong folding the ink from the rubber stamp has made a second impression on another candidate's space. Include this vote only if it is clear in whose space the original distinct mark was put.



Those where the rubber stamp mark goes over the line between two candidates' spaces, but the majority of the stamp is in one candidate's space. Count the vote for that candidate.



Those where there is more than one mark for the same candidate.



Remember !

The Presiding Officer will...
Exclude the following ballots from counting:

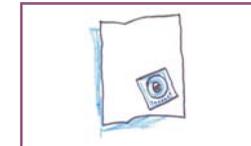
Those with no official codemark and signature of the Assistant Presiding Officer on the back.



Those that are not official ballot papers (doubtful ballot papers).



Those marked with a rubber stamp other than the one supplied for marking the ballot paper.



Those where any piece of paper or other object has been attached.



Those where there is no rubber stamp mark indicating a choice or where more than one candidate has been marked.



Those whose rubber stamp mark is equally divided between two candidate spaces or is not within any candidate space.



Monitor The Sealing of Packets

After counting is over, the Presiding Officer shall seal in separate packets:

Valid Ballot Papers



Ballot Papers excluded from the count



Un-issued Ballot Papers



Spoilt Ballot Papers



Tendered Ballot Papers



Challenged Ballot Papers



Marked Copy of Electoral Rolls



Counterfoil of Used Ballot Papers



The Presiding Officer is required to obtain signatures of polling agents, as may be present, on each statement and packet prepared by him. You can also affix your seal.

What are my Responsibilities Post Polling?

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Take the statement of the count to your candidate as soon as possible.

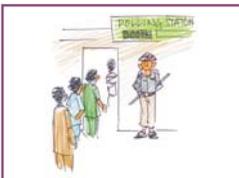


Complete the given checklist preferably at the polling station and submit it to your candidate/party when submitting the statement.

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Glossary

Polling Station



Where voting and counting takes place. Each polling station is divided into one or more polling booths. Polling Booth - Area within a polling station where people vote.

Secrecy Area



Location within a polling booth where voters mark their ballot papers in secret.

Counting Place



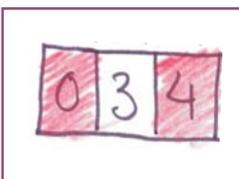
The area within a polling station where all the ballot papers from all of the polling station are counted.

Electoral Rolls



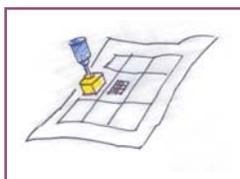
List of people designated to vote at a polling booth. Only those people whose names appear on the electoral rolls for a particular polling booth are permitted to vote there.

Serial Number of Voter



Each voter has a unique serial number in the electoral roll used to identify him.

Ballot Paper



The piece of paper on which voters mark their choice for Members of National or Provincial Assembly. The ballot paper contains the name of each candidate, his or her symbol and a space for the voters to mark their choice.

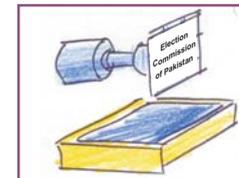
Glossary

Counterfoil



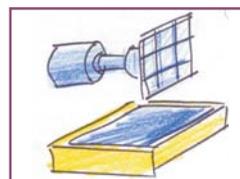
Part of the ballot paper kept by the assistant presiding officer when the ballot paper is given to the voter.

Official Stamp Mark



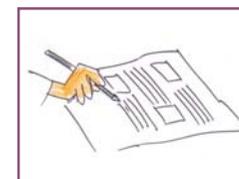
A rubber stamp mark placed on the back of the ballot paper by the Assistant Presiding Officer just before giving it to a voter. Only ballot papers with an official stamp mark and Assistant Presiding Officer's signatures will be counted.

Marking Aid Stamp



Stamp used by voters to mark their choice on their ballot paper. Only ballot papers marked with this stamp will be counted.

Statement of Count



Document completed by the Presiding Officer recording the number of votes received by each candidate at his/her polling station. Polling agents can sign this form and get a copy.

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Checklist

Polling Day Monitoring Checklist

For Polling Agents

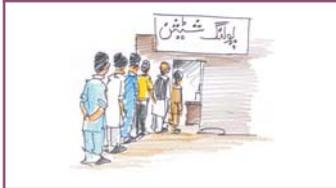
Name of Constituency

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Name of Polling Station

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Name of Polling Agent

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Date of Polling

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Outside The Polling Booth



Did anyone attempt to stop authorized personnel from entering the polling booth?

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Were there party signs or banners within 100 yards of the polling booth?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Were other party's Agents canvassing for the candidates?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Were police and/or security personnel at the polling station?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Were there signs directing voters to the polling station?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Was the queue of people waiting to vote orderly?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Comments

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Inside the Polling Booth



Were there signs and posters for instructions present in the station?

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Was the secrecy area set up so that voters can mark their ballots in private?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Were the ballot boxes shown to be empty and then sealed?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Were the ballot boxes sealed with the official seal bearing Election Commission's Monogram.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Were the seal numbers same at the beginning and end of the Polling.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Could the ballot boxes be seen at all times?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Were two Assistant Presiding Officers and one Polling Officer assigned to your polling booth?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Were unauthorized people present in the polling booth?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Problems During Voting



	Yes	No
Were those who were entitled to vote not allowed to vote?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were those who were not entitled to vote allowed to vote?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did anyone vote more than once?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did anyone leave any campaign materials, such as posters or pictures of party symbols, in the secrecy area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did anyone try to interrupt or interfere with voting?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Was anyone permitted to vote whose name was not on the electoral rolls for the polling booth?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Was anyone permitted to vote that already had ink on his or her thumb?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did anyone vote without his or her name in the electoral rolls being scored out?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Yes	No
Were you permitted to challenge individuals you believed were not who they claimed to be?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were challenged ballot papers put in the ballot box?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were voters whose names were already scored out, but who insisted they had not voted and who had no ink on their thumbs, given tendered ballots?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were tendered ballot papers put in the ballot box?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were blind and other voters requiring assistance permitted to choose someone to assist them while voting?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did every voter promptly leave the polling station after voting?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Was every voter in the queue at closing time permitted to vote?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were voters prevented from joining the queue before closing time?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Was anyone permitted to join the queue after closing time?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Did anyone interrupt the closing of the polling booth?

Yes No



Did anyone steal or interfere with the ballot boxes during the closing of the polling booth?



Were all ballot boxes sealed?



Were you permitted to accompany the ballot box from the polling booth to the counting place?

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Counting



Were all ballot boxes still sealed when brought to the counting place?

Yes No



Were the ballot papers first unfolded and stacked?



Was there agreement over the number of ballot papers?



Was there agreement over which ballot papers were valid and which doubtful?



Was there agreement as to which ballot papers were cast for which candidate?



Did the Presiding Officer fairly resolve any disputes?



Were challenged ballot papers counted and added to each candidates vote total (they should have been)?



Were tendered ballot papers counted and added to each candidates vote total (they should not have been)?



Was there agreement on the total votes for each candidate?

Yes

No



Did the Presiding Officer correctly complete the statement of the count?



Did you or a Polling Agent for your party sign the statement of the count?



Did you or a polling agent for your party receive a certified copy of the statement of the count from the Presiding Officer? Did anyone interrupt the counting process?

Signature

Comments

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