- STEP 2: If a person objects to the inclusion of a registered voter on the PVR, the Exhibition Officer Registrar will fill in the Objection form in triplicate stating reason (s) for Objection;
- **STEP 3:** Asks the Objector to sign/mark the form EX01;
- STEP 4: Carefully checks all contents of the form EX01 and signs it;
- STEP 5: Detaches the first copy of the form EX01, gives it to the Objector and informs him/her to show up at the Inquiry centre with proof/evidence to present his/her case
- **STEP 6:** Enters the particulars of the registrant being objected to and the objectors into the Statement of Objection Form

# National Electoral Commission Sierra Leone



## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

#### 1. What is an Exhibition Exercise?

An Exhibition exercise is to confirm the status of the applicants, add omitted names of applicants, corrections on applicant's details and gives the opportunity to object to names existing on the PVR based on the grounds of eligibility and issue Voter ID Cards.

#### 2. What is a Provisional Voters Register (PVR)?

The Provisional Voters Register (PVR) will consist of a list of all people who have completed a valid voter registration application during the Registration period.

#### 3. WHERE WILL THE PVR BE EXHIBITED?

The Provisional Voters Register (PVR) showing details of the new registrants will be displayed daily at the Registration/Exhibition Centres.

#### 4. PERIOD OF EXHIBITION

The Exhibition period will last 2Idays, which will run concurrently with the registration of the voters; it will take place from 30<sup>th</sup> June to20thJuly2012

#### **5.** TIME OF EXHIBITION

Exhibition will commence daily at 8 am and will end at 6 pm.

### 6. What happens at the Exhibition Centre?

At every Exhibition Centre, apart from corrections and inclusion processes on the PVR, the challenges/objections process will also be carried out. Reg-

### 30. Who Can Object to the inclusion of a Registrant on the PVR?

Only those with valid voter registration slips / counterfoils can make an objection to inclusion of a registrant on the PVR during the Exhibition period. If a person wants to file an Objection to inclusion of a registrant on the PVR, he/she has to state grounds and facts; establishing evidence that the person objected is not eligible to register.

#### 31. What gives rise to an Objection on the PVR?

Reasons for Objecting to a name on the PVR are as follows:

- The Registrant;
- Is not a Sierra Leonean Citizen;
- Will not be eighteen (18) years on or before the eve of the Elections
- Is not ordinarily resident in the section or area or Ward;
- Is a proven lunatic;
- Is a convicted felon:
- Is deceased;
- The name of the same voter appears on more than one PRE;
- The name of the voter appears more than once on the same PRE.

#### 32. How is an Objection case handled?

For objection cases, the Exhibition Officer/ Registrar proceeds as follows:

STEP 1: Allows the registered voter a reasonable time to inspect the exhibited

PVR after producing a valid VR slip.

not register at that centre. Therefore the person's name cannot be included in the PVR. The person is politely asked to leave the centre. Enters the details from the Biometric VR slip into the PVR

#### 26.If the registrants counterfoil is not found?

If the Exhibition Officer Registrar cannot find the counterfoil, it means the applicant did not register in that centre.

#### 27. What is an Objection Procedure?

The Objections component of the Exhibition period gives registered voters the opportunity to object to names included on the PVR.

#### 28.How do you Object?

If an individual decides to object to a name included on the PVR, the Objection must be made according to the regulations:

Objector must clearly state the facts supporting the objection and provide details of the person objected to and provide evidence supporting his/her objection. All objections will be done on the Objections to Inclusion on the Provisional Voters Register

#### 29. When will objection cases be considered?

After the exhibition period, the Inquiry Officer will consider all objections and will also ensure that the person being objected to has the opportunity to rebut the objection. The Inquiry Officer also has the responsibility to notify the relevant people about the result of the objection. istered Voters who wish to inspect the PVR and to object to an entry on the PVR will have the opportunity to do so.

#### 7. Who has access to the PVR?

Access to the PVR will be limited to registered voters.

#### 8. What tasks are preformed during the Exhibition process?

During the exhibition of the Provisional Voters Register PVR), the following main tasks have to be performed:

#### Confirmation

Registrants receive confirmation regarding their voter registration status.

#### Correction

Registrants can request corrections to their details on the PVR.

#### Inclusion

Registrants who were erroneously omitted can be included onto the Voters' Register.

## **Objection:**#Registered voters can object to names existing on the ProvisionalVoters Register PVR).

#### 9. How an Exhibition Centre is looks.



#### 10. What is expected of Party Agents?

Party agents and observers will comply with any lawful directive issued by or under the authority of NEC, including an order to leave an Exhibition Centre.

#### 11. What is the duty an Exhibition Officer / Registrar?

He/she is in charge of Exhibition in his/her Exhibition Centre and will make sure that all registered voters who come to the Exhibition Centre have access to the PVR and he/she will conduct various activities concerning the exhibition exercise.

#### 12. An Exhibition Centre have the following Information and Activities.

Each Registration/Exhibition Centre will produce daily a PVR form, where the details of registrants for that centre will be entered and displayed. The PVR will contain information including the Voter ID number, the name, age,

- **STEP 3.** Compares registrant's particulars on the PVR with registrant's VR card;
- **STEP 4.** Finds out that the registrant's particulars are not correct on the PVR, i.e. name, age or sex and cancel the entry;
- **STEP 5.** Copies registrant's correct information from VR card on the Provisional Register of Electors

#### 24.How is Inclusion done?

Inclusion of the registrant in the PVR can be immediately done at the Centre only if the registrant presents his/her VR slip indicating that he/she has registered in that particular VR Centre and the name is not on the exhibited list .

#### 25. If there is a Voter Slip, but no entry in the PVR?

- **STEP 1.** The Exhibition Officer /Registrar welcomes and requests registrant to show his/her VR card;
- **STEP 2.** Determines if the VRC code on the VR card corresponds to that VRC;
- STEP 3 Looks for registrant entry on the

#### PVR

STEP 4. If particulars of the registrant have been omitted from the PVR, the Exhibition Officer /Registrar looks for the Counterfoil which should

> correspond to hat of the Biometric VR Card to ascertain that the person had in fact registered in that centre. If counterfoil cannot be found, the person did

#### 19. Where can this correction be done?

Corrections can be done only on the PVR and not on the VR cards issued to the registrants.

## 20. What be done if there is Identical Information on PVR and Biometric Slip?

If information on the PVR and Voter ID card is identical then no correction will be allowed; even if registrant claims that his/her particulars in the VR card are incorrect. In such a case registrant will be told that he/she will be allowed to complete registrant slip.

#### 21. What happens if there is Missing information on PVR?

If any of the registrant's particulars have been left out (i.e. sex or age), fill in the details which have been erroneously left out using information from the voters registration slip.

## 22.What happens if there is Different Information on PVR and Registration Slip?

If the registrant's particular(s) are incorrect on the PVR, for example: name, sex, or age the Exhibition Officer will do the corrections on the PVR.

23. How is the correction done by the Exhibition Officer/Registrar? The Exhibition Officer/ Registrar will follow the following steps.

STEP 1. Requests the registrant to show his/her Registration Slip to determines if the VRC code on the VR card corresponds to that

VRC, if yes,

STEP 2. Finds registrant's entry on the exhibited PVR;

and sex of the registered voters.

#### 13. Who are allwed at the Exhibition Centre?

NEC Exhibition Staff; Party Agents; Registrants; and Security Personnel

14. How the PVR looks like at Exhibition Centres.

### REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION 2012 PROVISIONALVOTRS REGISTER

District: .....

Centre: **000000** – .....

Ward: .....

Section/Area:....

Sr. No.	Voter ID	Name	Date of Birth	Se x	Con- firmed	De- ceased	Photo
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2	00000000	NAME	22	М			
3	00000000	NAME	67	М			
4	00000000	NAME	88	F			
5	000000000	NAME	49	М			
6	00000000	NAME	65	F			
7	00000000	NAME	36	F			
8	00000000	NAME	22	F			
9	00000000	NAME	67	М			
10	00000000	NAME	88	F			
11	00000000	NAME	49	М			
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#### Information Layout of Provisional Voters Register

#### How is the Confirmation process carried out?

The process of confirmation to be carried out by the Exhibition Officer is as follows:

- **STEP 1.** Check if the registrant possesses a Biometric voter slip that corresponds to the code of that VR Centre;
- **STEP 2. If yes,** directs the registrant to the displayed list, and ask registrant to report back to registrar if name is on the list and details are correct. The registrar will then make a tick against name / details of registrant.

If No, The Exhibition Officer directs the registrant to the correct VR centre. If Registrants needs Assistance, the Exhibition Officer does the following:

- **STEP 1.** Collect VR card from registrant and verify details on the list posted on the wall with details on the VR card
- **STEP 2.** Place a tick on the PVR to confirm that registrant's details are checked and correct.

#### 16. If I do not have my registration slip?

If the applicant fails to provide his/her biometric voter slip and claims that his/her name is not on the exhibited PVR, the Assistant Exhibition Officer1 will politely ask the applicant to go and bring along the slip or directs him/ her to Exhibition Officer for Confirmations from duplicate Form1A or Poll Book

#### THE EXHIBITION CENTRE



#### 17. What is a Correction Process?

The Corrections process is a vital part of the Exhibition process and is carried out by the Exhibition Officer/ Registrar in cases where registrant's particular(s) are incorrect either in the data or on the PVR, or some of the particulars are missing (i.e. registrants sex is missing, but other particulars are on the PVR).

#### 18. Why is correction needed on PVR?

Errors need to be corrected before the Final Biometric Voter Register of Electors (FVR) is produced.