



PUBLIC NOTICE

Phase three of voters' roll inspection

The Malawi Electoral Commission (MEC) is informing all registered voters, political parties, civil society organisations and the general public that the third phase of voter verification will start on **Thursday, 1st May 2014** and end on Monday, 5th May, 2014.

This third and final phase will cover the remaining councils in the Central region which are Ntcheu, Dedza, Lilongwe City, Lilongwe District, Mchinji, Dowa, Ntchisi, Kasungu Municipality and Kasungu district. Centres will be opening from 8AM to 4PM including lunch hour and weekends.

Voter verification through SMS and web

The Commission, in conjunction with the Malawi Election Information Centre (MEIC), has also introduced a free SMS facility which gives an opportunity to all registered voters to verify their details by sending their voter certificate number to 58683. This service is available for districts covered in phase 1 and 2. Voters in phase 3 districts will access it when the verification exercise commences.

If the registered voter wants to receive the message in Chewa they should type CHE123456789 (where 123456789 is the certificate number) and send to 58683.

To receive a message in Tumbuka, they should type TUM123456789 (where 123456789 is the certificate number) and send to 58683.

Registered voters can also verify details on the web by visiting www.mec.org.mw.

If there are errors in the registration information or the system responds that the details are not available, voters, who are in councils covered under phase three are encouraged to visit the centre where they registered so that they get assisted. If they are in councils where verification was already done, they should send an email to verification@mec.org.mw or call the MEC call centre on:

0111 743 327
0111 744 374
0111 742 874
0111 744 073
0111 746 619
0111 745 273
0111 744 365
0111 743 263

They should give their full names, certificate number, centre where they registered, their phone contacts and the error in their registration details.

Replacement of certificates and death reporting

During the verification period, registered voters who lost their certificates should also go to the centres where they registered to get duplicate certificates which will enable them vote easily on May 20, 2014.

The Commission is also urging the public to report deaths of their relatives so that they should be removed from the voters' register. They should bring the voter certificate of the deceased and a death certificate, a letter from a traditional leader or religious leader as evidence.

Processing of transfers

The Commission will also process transfers for people who have moved away from the centres where they registered and they will be unable to go to that centre on the polling day. These voters should go with their voter certificate to the centre where they wish to vote and ask to be transferred. Without a voter certificate, a transfer will not be processed.

The conditions for processing transfers are the same as for registration. People will only be allowed to transfer to a centre located in an area where they live, work, conduct business or they were born.

The Commission is reminding all electoral stakeholders that it is an electoral offence to ferry voters to transfer to places where they are not eligible. Those found risk prosecution whereby they can be given a fine or prison sentence and can be disqualified from participating in electoral activities if found guilty.

All election clerks and monitors are being urged to scrutinize all persons coming for transfers to ensure that they meet the mentioned criteria before processing transfers.

The Commission is appealing to all candidates and political party leaders that during their meetings they should encourage their members to go for voter verification. For more information contact the Commission on email geo@mec.org.mw.

Signed this 27th day of April, 2014 at Blantyre.

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