

**AKWA IBOM STATE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION
(AKISIEC)**



REVISED GUIDELINES FOR 2024 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

The following Guidelines are to be adhered to by all Political parties intending to field candidates for the forthcoming elections into the (31) Local Government Councils in Akwa Ibom State, scheduled to hold on **Saturday, 5th October, 2024**:

1. COLLECTION AND RETURN OF FORMS

Political parties are requested to obtain AKISIEC FORMS LGE 001 and 002, for their Candidates from **Monday 8th July, 2024** to **Friday, 12th July, 2024** at the Commission's Headquarters, 5 Udo Udoma Avenue, Uyo.

AKISIEC FORMS LGE 001 AND 002 shall be completed and returned to the Commission by the Political Parties not later than **Tuesday, 6th August, 2024**.

Each candidate is required to attach copies of the following to his completed form:

- (i) Curriculum Vitae
- (ii) Birth Certificate or Sworn Affidavit of Age
(Minimum age for Chairmanship and Vice Chairmanship position is 30 years, while that of Councillorship is 25 years)
- (iii) Party Membership Card
- (iv) Voter's Registration Card
- (v) Educational Qualification (minimum of Secondary School Certificate or its equivalent)
- (vi) Letter of disengagement (where applicable) from previous employment (Disengagement from employment in the public service of the Federation, of any State, or of any Local Government should have taken place at least 30 days before the date of the election)
- (vii) Tax receipts or Tax Clearance Certificate showing evidence of tax payment as and when due for the past three years before the date of the election.
- (viii) Sworn Affidavit of Facts
- (ix) Evidence of payment to the Commission a non-refundable processing fee of **₦5**

00,000.00	-	Chairmen (Male Candidates)
₦250,000.00	-	Chairmen (Female Candidates)
₦250,000.00	-	Councillors (Male Candidates)
₦125,000.00	-	Councillors (Female Candidates)

2. CONDUCT OF PRIMARIES BY POLITICAL PARTIES

- (i) Every Political Party which intends to nominate candidates for elective offices in the Local Government Councils shall hold primaries for aspirants which **must** be monitored by the Commission.
- (ii) Every Political Party shall give the Commission at least **21 days' Notice** of any convention, congress or meeting convened for the purpose of nominating candidate for the election.
- (iii) All Parties' Primaries shall be **concluded 60 days** before the date fixed for the election.
- (iv) All Political Parties' shall communicate to the Commission indicating the names of all contestants, date, time and venue for the primaries within **21 days** before the conduct of such primaries.

3. REQUIREMENT FOR NOMINATION

- (i) A candidate for the position of Chairman must be nominated by 20 registered voters in at least two thirds of the wards in his Local Government Area.
- (ii) A candidate for the position of Councillor must be nominated by 10 registered voters in his ward.

4. PUBLICATION OF PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF CANDIDATES

The Commission shall publish the Personal Particulars of Candidates in their Constituencies on **Tuesday, 13th August, 2024.**

5. PURCHASE AND RETURN OF NOMINATION FORMS BY CANDIDATES

Purchase of Nomination Forms by Chairmanship and Councillorship Candidates via Form LGE 006A and 006B shall be from **Wednesday, 14th August, 2024 to Friday, 16th August, 2024** while the return of same shall be from **Monday, 19th August, 2024 to Wednesday, 21st August, 2024.**

6. VERIFICATION OF CANDIDATES' DOCUMENTS

Verification of candidates' credentials shall be undertaken at the Commission Headquarters, 5 Udo Udoma Avenue, Uyo from **Thursday, 22nd August, 2024 to Saturday, 24th August, 2024.**

7. POLITICAL PARTIES CHANGING CANDIDATES

A political party shall not be allowed to change or substitute its candidate whose name has been submitted except in the case of death or withdrawal by the candidate. This is in line with the provision of section 33 of the Electoral Act, 2022.

8. DISPLAY OF LIST OF NOMINATED CANDIDATES

Every registered Political Party shall deliver to the Commission the name and relevant particulars of the candidate the Party proposes to sponsor for elective office in respect of the election. The Commission shall display the list of Nominated Candidates at the relevant Commission offices on **Tuesday, 27th August, 2024.**

9. **WITHDRAWAL AND SUBSTITUTION OF CANDIDATES**

A Candidate may withdraw his candidature by **NOTICE** in writing signed and delivered by him personally to the political party that nominated him and the Party shall convey such withdrawal to the Commission **not later than thirty days** before the elections.

End of replacement of candidates shall be midnight of **Friday, 30th August, 2024**.

10. **CLOSE OF NOMINATION**

Nomination shall be deemed close on **Friday, 30th August, 2024** (12.00 midnight) and final publication of lists at the Commission Headquarters shall be **Tuesday, 3rd September, 2024**.

11. **PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF DATE AND HOUR OF ELECTIONS**

The Commission shall publish on **Wednesday, 11th September, 2024**, the day and hour of Election at the Local Government Headquarters and Wards.

12. **ACCREDITATION AND VOTING PROCEDURE AT ELECTION**

The election shall adopt the simultaneous accreditation and voting pattern and the voting method shall be by open secret ballot system. Accreditation and voting shall commence at 8.00 am and close at 2.00 pm, provided that all voters already on the queue by 2.00 pm shall be allowed for accreditation and voting.

13. **NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF POLLING AGENTS**

(a) A Political Party or candidate may by notice in writing appoint a polling agent for each polling unit and collation centre for the election. Such notice shall set out the name and address of the polling agent and be submitted to the Electoral Officer of the Local Government at the Local Government Area Office on **or** before midnight of **Monday, 16th September, 2024**.

(b) No person shall be qualified to be appointed or serve as a polling agent of any political party if, being a person employed in the public service of the Federation or of any State or Local Government Area, he/she has not resigned or withdrawn or retired from such appointment at least 90 days before the date of the election.

14. **ELECTIONEERING CAMPAIGN BY POLITICAL PARTIES**

1. Electioneering Campaign shall commence on Monday, **5th August, 2024**.
2. A political party shall not hold its rally within 500 metres of the location of another party's rally.
3. Abusive and inciting words shall not be used.
4. Campaigns shall be limited to the ward or council area in which a candidate is contesting the election.
5. Political party's rally shall focus on party manifestoes and programmes.
6. Bribery or other forms of inducement to voters either directly or indirectly must be av

aided by political parties, candidates and their agents.

7. Campaign or addresses shall not be carried out in schools in full session, churches or other religious places, military or police Barracks/Stations, public offices etc.
8. Campaign or address shall not be based on sectional, ethnic, clan or religious sentiments or prejudices.
9. No person shall provide for the use of any other person, any government vehicle for the purpose of conveying such person to a polling station except in respect of a person who is ordinarily entitled to use such vehicle or in an emergency involving an Electoral Officer.
10. Political party's rally must not extend beyond 6pm on any day within the specified period.
11. All Electioneering Campaign by political parties shall end at midnight of **Thursday, 3rd October, 2024**

Dated this *Thursday 18th day of July, 2024.*

Elder Aniedi Abasi Ikoiwak
Chairman and Chief Electoral Commissioner