

S.I. 140 of 2020**ELECTIONS ACT***(Cap 262)***Elections (Procedures) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 99(1) of the Elections Act, the Electoral Commission hereby makes the following regulations —

1. These regulations may be cited as the Elections (Procedures) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020.

Citation

2. The Elections (Procedures) Regulations, 2016 are hereby amended as follows —

Amendments of
S.I. 56 of 2016

(a) by repealing regulation 2 and substituting therefor, the following regulation —

Definitions **“2. In these Regulations, unless the context requires otherwise —**

(a) “Log Book” means a book to be used by a Deputy Electoral Officer for recording of events occurring within the voting facility which he has been appointed to supervise;

(b) “occurrence book” means a book to be used by an Electoral Officer at the polling station for which he has been appointed, and his determination of such events, and any action taken by him;

- (c) “voting facility” means a separate place, within a polling station, containing voting arrangements for the purpose of facilitating voting.”;
- (b) in regulation 3(3), by repealing paragraph (h) and substituting therefor, the following paragraph —
- “(h) the Electoral Officer shall place such number of ballot booklets as he deems fit, in numerical sequence, in the secured custody of the Deputy Electoral Officer, who shall return such ballot booklets to the Electoral Officer one by one, in numerical sequence, for issuing to an Assistant Electoral Officer for issuing of ballot papers to voters and upon each issuance, entries thereof shall be made in the Occurrence Book, specifying the serial number of each ballot booklet, time of issue and signed by the receiving Deputy Electoral Officer or Assistant Electoral Officer, as the case may be, whose name shall be recorded on the cover of each ballot booklet;”;
- (c) in regulation 9, by repealing paragraph (a);
- (d) by inserting after regulation 9, the following regulation —

Function
of Deputy
Electoral
Officer

“**9A.** A Deputy Electoral Officer shall provide assistance to the Electoral Officer and perform such functions as directed by the Electoral Officer, which may include —

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- (a) supervising and coordinating voting and the work of Assistant Electoral Officers within one voting facility;
 - (b) having custody over ballot papers once issued by the Electoral Officer and until issued to an Assistant Electoral Officer;
 - (c) providing assistance to incapacitated voters in accordance with section 25(3) of the Elections Act;
 - (d) setting up the polling station as per instructed lay-out and guidelines issued by the Electoral Commission;
 - (e) providing assistance to the Electoral Officer in complying with section 29 of the Elections Act;
 - (f) remaining present at the polling station for the entire hours of poll and ensuring that the respective voting facilities are opened and closed on time;
 - (g) recording in the Log Book of any incidents occurring at the voting facility under his supervision.”;

- (e) in regulation 14 —
- (i) in subregulation (10), by repealing the words “Election Commission shall”, and substituting therefor the words “Chief Electoral Officer shall, in respect of electoral areas of Praslin and Inner Islands,”;
 - (ii) by inserting after subregulation (10), the following subregulation —

“(11) The Chief Electoral Officer shall, in respect of electoral areas of Mahe, classify the envelopes and shall, prior to opening of poll, distribute them to the respective Electoral Officers appointed for each of the electoral areas for counting along with the counting of other votes for that electoral area.”.

MADE this 1st day of October, 2020.

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CHAIRPERSON OF THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION
