



**National Electoral Commission (NEC)**  
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**Sierra Leone**



**GUIDELINES ON THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ELECTION  
STAKEHOLDERS DURING 2017 VOTER / CIVIL REGISTRATION PROCESS**

**ELECTORAL OBSERVERS**

Observers have an important role to help ensure that the Voter Registration Process is carried out in accordance with legal regulations and procedures. They must agree to follow a Code of Conduct prepared by NEC. The following should be read in conjunction with the Code of Conduct.

**MEDIA**

- Media are free to visit any registration centres throughout Sierra Leone, but need to strictly follow NEC rules and regulations. The rules and regulations try to meet both the needs of journalists, and the right of the Sierra Leonean people to register, without any pressure or interference.
- Journalists may film or photograph the overall situation in a registration centre, but they **must not, under any circumstance, interrupt the registration process while filming. Only journalists with valid I.D and accreditation cards will be allowed inside the registration centre.** They must wear their badges and carry with them one identity document with photo.

- The Ward Coordinator or Registration official is the point of contact at the registration centre, and media are asked to direct questions only to the Ward Coordinator or contact NEC District officials or the Media and External Relations Department. Inside the registration centre, registrants cannot be interviewed while the registration process is ongoing. Only the Registration officer can be interviewed inside the registration centre. Journalists are asked to be as brief and unobtrusive as possible in their visits to the registration centres.
  
- When interviewed, the Ward Coordinator or Registration officer will not comment on the overall conduct of the registration process, other than to state the broad nature of his/her role at the registration centre, and the number of registrants up to that point.

**Decisions of the Registration Officers** are final and binding. Attempts to influence registrants, and failure to obey orders of Registration Officers are considered election offences.

The media should not engage in any activity that would divulge the registrants data/information.

The media is welcome to observe the registration process in registration centres.

For more information please contact Department of Media and External Relations.