



In line with Article 2.9, paragraph 1, point 2 of the Election Law of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Official Gazette of BiH, no. 23/01, 7/02, 9/02, 20/02, 25/02, 4/04, 20/04, 25/05, 52/05, 65/05, 77/05, 11/06, 24/06, 32/07, 33/08, 37/08, 32/10, 18/13, 7/14, 31/16, 41/20, 38/22, 51/22, 67/22 and 24/24) and the Decision on calling and administering the 2024 Local Elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina number 05-1-07-1-619-1/24 from May 8, 2024 the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina has at its 21<sup>st</sup> session held on May 8, 2024 passed

**INSTRUCTION**  
**on deadlines and sequence of election-related activities for the 2024 Local Elections to be held**  
**on Sunday, October 6, 2024**

**Article 1**  
**(Application)**

This Instruction shall lay down deadlines and sequence of activities for the 2024 Local Elections, which will be held on Sunday, October 6, 2024, and start running from May 8, 2024.

**Article 2**  
**(Activities and deadlines)**

**1) Registration and certification of the political subjects <sup>1</sup>**

| No. | Activities  | Deadline   | Holder of activity                                  | Legal basis <sup>2</sup>    |
|-----|---|--|---|-----------------------------|
| 1.  | Submitting requests for opening of a user account and collecting application forms for participation in the elections                                       | <b>from 23.05.2024</b>                                 | <i>Political parties and independent candidates</i> | Article 4.4                 |
| 2.  | Submitting applications for certification of political parties, independent candidates, associations and groups of citizens to participate in the elections | <b>From 09.05.2024 to 24.05.2024 until 16.00 hours</b> | <i>Political parties and independent candidates</i> | Article 4.6, 4.10 and 13.14 |
| 3.  | Certification of political parties, independent candidates, citizens' associations and groups of  | <b>Until 08.06.2024</b>                                | <i>BiH Central Election Commission</i>              | Article 4.6, 4.10 and 13.14 |

<sup>1</sup> Political parties, independent candidate, coalitions and list of independent candidates, citizens' association and 40 citizens for the election of members of national minorities.

<sup>2</sup> BiH Election Law (Official Gazette of BiH, no. 23/01, 7/02, 9/02, 20/02, 25/02, 4/04, 20/04, 25/05, 52/05, 65/05, 77/05, 11/06, 24/06, 32/07, 33/08, 37/08, 32/10, 18/13, 7/14, 31/16, 41/20, 38/22, 51/22, 67/22 and 24/24).

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|           | citizens to participate in the elections to participate in the elections                        |  |  |                       |
| <b>4.</b> | Submitting of applications for certification of coalitions and lists of independent candidates  | <b>From 10.06.2024 to 18.06.2024 until 16.00 hours</b> | <i>Coalitions and independent candidates</i> | Article 4.12 and 4.15 |
| <b>5.</b> | Certification of coalitions and lists of independent candidates to participate in the elections | <b>Until 25.06.2024</b>                                | <i>BiH Central Election Commission</i>       | Article 4.12 and 4.15 |

## 2) Submission of applications for accreditation of observers

| <b>No.</b> | <b>Activities</b>  | <b>Deadline</b>          | <b>Holder of activity</b>                         | <b>Legal basis</b> |
|------------|--|--------------------------|---|--------------------|
| <b>1.</b>  | Submitting a request for accreditation of observers from political subjects and citizens' associations | <b>until 21.09.2024</b>  | <i>Political subjects, citizens' associations</i> | Article 17.7       |
| <b>2.</b>  | Submitting a request for accreditation of international observers                                      | <b>until 29.09.2024.</b> | <i>International organizations</i>                | Article 17.7       |

## 3) Submission of candidates' lists

| <b>No.</b> | <b>Activities</b>  | <b>Deadline</b>  | <b>Holder of activity</b>              | <b>Legal basis</b>         |
|------------|--|--|--|----------------------------|
| <b>1.</b>  | Submitting of candidates' lists  | <b>From 26.06.2024 to 08.07.2024 until 16.00 hours</b> | <i>Political subjects</i>              | Article 4.21 paragraph (1) |
| <b>2.</b>  | Final certification of candidates' lists                                 | <b>Until 02.08.2024</b>                                | <i>BiH Central Election Commission</i> | Article 4.21 paragraph (2) |
| <b>3.</b>  | Publishing final candidates' lists in official gazettes and in the media | <b>Until 22.08.2024</b>                                | <i>BiH Central Election Commission</i> | Article 4.23 paragraph (1) |

#### 4) Determining sequence of political subjects on the ballots papers

| No. | Activities  | Deadline                | Holder of activity                     | Legal basis                |
|-----|---|-------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| 1.  | Lottery draw to determine sequence of the political subjects on the ballot papers | <b>until 25.07.2024</b> | <i>BiH Central Election Commission</i> | Article 5.15 paragraph (2) |

#### 5) Central Voters' Register

| No. | Activities   | Deadline   | Holder of activity                     | Legal basis                        |
|-----|--|--|--|------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Update of changes in the records of displaced persons and the final deadline for submission of applications of the citizens voting outside BiH | <b>From 09.05.2024 to 23.07.2024 at midnight</b> | <i>BiH Central Election Commission</i> | Article 3.6 paragraph (7) point b) |
| 2.  | Display of provisional excerpts from the Central Voters' Register  | <b>from 08.06.2024 to 08.07.2024</b>             | <i>BiH Central Election Commission</i> | Article 3.1 paragraph (5)          |
| 2.  | Conclusion of the Central Voters' Register   | <b>22.08.2024.</b>                               | <i>BiH Central Election Commission</i> | Article 3.12, paragraph (1)        |
| 3.  | Announcing the number of voters for each constituency  | <b>Until 29.08.2024.</b>                         | <i>BiH Central Election Commission</i> | Article 15.10 paragraph (1)        |

#### 6) Polling stations

| No. | Activities  | Deadline                        | Holder of activity                      | Legal basis               |
|-----|---|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 1.  | Preliminary allocation of streets to polling stations               | <b>No later than 01.08.2024</b> | <i>Election commission</i> <sup>3</sup> | Article 5.1               |
| 2.  | Determining polling stations  | <b>No later than 02.08.2024</b> | <i>Election commission</i>              | Article 5.1 paragraph (2) |
| 3.  | Publicizing locations of the polling stations designated for voting | <b>No later than 21.09.2024</b> | <i>Election commission</i>              | Article 5.1 paragraph (5) |

<sup>3</sup> Election commission shall mean: municipal election commissions, city election commission and election commission of Brčko District of BiH.

## 7) Polling station committees

| No. | Activities  | Deadline  | Holder of activity                     | Legal basis                  |
|-----|---|---|--|------------------------------|
| 1.  | Lottery draw of political subjects for polling stations                   | <b>No later than 07.08.2024.</b>                                    | <i>Election commission</i>             | Article 2.19, paragraph (10) |
| 2.  | Appointment of president and vice-president of polling station committees | <b>No later than 22.08.2024.</b>                                    | <i>BiH Central Election Commission</i> | Article 2.19, paragraph (3)  |
| 3.  | Appointment of members of polling station committees                      | <b>No later than 22.08.2024</b>                                     | <i>Election commission</i>             | Article 2.19, paragraph (5)  |
| 4.  | Training of members of polling station committees                         | <b>From 26.08.2024 to 26.09.2024 exceptionally until 04.10.2024</b> | <i>Election commission</i>             | Article 2.19                 |

## 8) Election campaign

| No. | Activities  | Deadline   | Holder of activity                          | Legal basis                 |
|-----|---|--|---|-----------------------------|
| 1.  | Paid political advertising  | <b>From 06.09.2024</b>   | <i>Political subjects and media</i>         | Article 16.12 paragraph (1) |
| 2.  | Prohibition on release of results of public opinion polls concerning voting and elections | <b>From 04.10.2024 from 07.00 hours to closing of the polling stations</b> | <i>Media</i>                                | Article 16.10               |
| 3.  | Prohibition of media reporting on activities related to political and election campaign   | <b>From 05.10.2024 from 07.00 hours to closing of the polling stations</b> | <i>Media</i>                                | Article 16.11               |
| 4.  | Election silence  | <b>From 05.10.2024 from 07.00 hours to closing of the polling stations</b> | <i>All participants in election process</i> | Article 16.11               |

## 9) Election Day

| No. | Activities   | Deadline                                    | Holder of activity                          | Legal basis                 |
|-----|--------------|---|---|-----------------------------|
| 1.  | Election Day | <b>06.10.2024 from 07.00 to 19.00 hours</b> | <i>All participants in election process</i> | Article 1.14, paragraph (1) |

## 10) Election results

| No. | Activities  | Deadline  | Holder of activity                                | Legal basis    |
|-----|---|---|---|----------------|
| 1.  | Public posting of the voting results at the polling station                           | <b>No later than 12 hours after the closing of the polling stations</b>   | <i>President of the polling station committee</i> | Article 5.26   |
| 2.  | Public posting of consolidated summary of voting results at the municipal/city level  | <b>No later than 12 hours after the closing of the polling stations</b>   | <i>Election Commission</i>                        | Article 5.27   |
| 3.  | Publishing preliminary, unofficial and incomplete results of the 2024 Local Elections | a) <b>06.10.2024 at 24.00 hours</b><br>b) <b>07.10.2024 at 10.00 hours</b><br>c) <b>07.10.2024 at 19.00 hours</b><br>d) <b>from 08.10. to 12.10.2024 at 16.00 hours</b><br>e) <b>from 13.10.2024 until confirmation of results every 48 hours</b> | <i>BiH Central Election Commission</i>            | Article 5.29 a |
| 4.  | Confirmation of the results of 2024 Local Elections                                   | <b>Until 05.11.2024 exceptionally until 20.11.2024</b>  | <i>BiH Central Election Commission</i>            | Article 5.32   |

### Article 3 (Entry into force and publication)

This Instruction shall enter into the force on the day of its enactment and will be published in the Official Gazette of BiH, Official Gazette of BiH Federation, Official Gazette of RS and Official Gazette of Brčko District BiH and on the website of the BiH Central Election Commission [www.izbori.ba](http://www.izbori.ba).

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