

INSTRUCTION
on the rules for nomination of candidates by political parties and political party blocs in Presidential Elections of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Rules for nominating candidates by political parties and political party blocs in Presidential elections of the Republic of Azerbaijan shall be regulated by Articles 100-102 of the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan (hereafter referred to as- Constitution), Articles 54, 180 of Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan (hereafter referred to as – Election Code) and this Instruction.

1. General provisions

1.1. Candidates to presidency shall be nominated after the day of officially publication of the decision on elections appointment.

1.2. Candidates to presidency (hereafter referred to as - candidates) could be nominated on own initiative of the eligible citizen who follows the requirements of Article 100 of the Constitution, or by initiative groups of the citizens having active suffrage (hereafter referred to as - voters), as well as, by the political party or political party bloc.

1.3. The political party, political party bloc can nominate those who are not members of this political party or political party bloc.

2. The rule for nominating a candidate by political party or political party blocs

2.1 The political party adopts decision on the nomination of a candidate to presidency pursuant to its charter. Such decision shall be adopted in the collegial form by voting.

2.2. A candidate nominated by political party bloc shall be approved by each political party that enter bloc. Decision on the nomination of a candidate by the political party bloc shall be adopted at the session of political party representatives (in conferences, session of leading body). The authorized representatives of political parties shall be determined at the conference of parties (conference, session of the leading body).

2.3. A candidate can indicate his/her party affiliation in the application on consent upon his/her own agreement.

2.4. Decision of political parties, the political party bloc on nomination of the candidate shall be made official by the protocol. This protocol should contain:

2.4.1. the number of registered participants at session (conference, session of the leading body);

2.4.2. the number of participants necessary for the adoption of the decision considered by the agreement on the establishment of the political party bloc;c) decision on the candidate nomination and voting results on this decision;

2.4.3. the decision on nomination of the candidate and voting results on this decision;

2.4.4. date of adoption of the decision.

3. For the approval of candidate nomination, the political party shall submit the following documents to the Central Election Commission:

3.1. copy of the certification on the registration of political parties approved in the notary order;

3.2. copy of the charter in force of the political party approved in the notary order;

3.3. decision of the convention (conference, session of the leading body) of the political party on candidate nomination and relevant session minutes;

3.4. The application on consent (Appendix # 1 to the Instruction) (*the application shall include surname, name, patronymic, date of birth, address of residence, education, main place of work or service and position (if not any, then type of occupation) of the nominee to presidency, the information on his/her residence within the Republic of Azerbaijan more than 10 years, whether he/she has got imprisonment, status of citizenship, commitment for other countries, as well as, commitment on terminating his/her activity not in comply with the office if elected president*) compiled in comply with Article 54 of Election Code;

3.5. decision of the convention (conference, session of the leading body) of the political party on the appointment of authorized representative (representatives), as well as authorized representative (representatives) on financial issues;

3.6. list of authorized representatives of political parties (Appendice # 2);

3.7. list of authorized representatives of political parties on financial issues (Appendice # 3);

3.8. letters of consent of authorized representative (representatives) (Appendice # 4);

3.9. letters of consent of authorized representative (representatives) on financial issues (Appendice # 5);

3.10. powers of attorney (powers of attorneys) of authorized representative (representatives) and authorized representative (representatives) on financial issues of political parties approved by the signature of the head of the political party and stamp of the organization (Appendices # 6 and 6 "A");

3.11. when authorized body of political parties terminates the authority of the authorized representative, then the copy of the decision on it.

3.12. The documents included in items 3.1-3.11 of this Instruction shall be submitted to the Central Election Commission by the authorized representative.

3.13. The authorized representative shall be provided with the written reference on getting documents submitted to the CEC (Appendice # 7 made to Instruction).

3.14. The Central Election Commission shall review the submitted documents within 5 days and provide (send) the authorized representative with the decision on the approval or rejection of the candidate nomination.

4. For the approval of the candidate nomination, political party blocs shall submit the following documents to the Central Election Commission:

4.1. corresponding protocols of sessions together with the decisions on nominating candidate of the congress (conference, sessions of head bodies) of the political parties in bloc;

4.2. decision on nominating candidate by the name of the bloc of the sessions of the representatives of the political parties entering bloc and relevant session minutes;

4.3. powers of attorney of authorized representatives and authorized representatives on financial issues of political party blocs implied by Election Code (Appendices # 6 "b" and 6 "c") and made official in notary order (Appendices # 6 "ch" and 6 "d");

4.4. list of authorized representatives of political parties (Appendice # 2);

4.5. list of authorized representatives on financial issues (Appendice # 3);

4.6. letters of consent of authorized representatives (Appendice # 4);
4.7. letters of consent of authorized representatives on financial issues (Appendice # 5);

4.8. The application on consent (Appendix # 1 to the Instruction) *(the application shall include surname, name, patronymic, date of birth, address of residence, education, main place of work or service and position (if not any, then type of occupation) of the nominee to presidency, the information on his/her residence within the Republic of Azerbaijan more than 10 years, whether he/she has got imprisonment, status of citizenship, commitment for other countries, as well as, commitment on terminating his/her activity not in comply with the office if elected president)* compiled in comply with Article 54 of Election Code;

4.9. The documents included in items 4.1-4.8 of this Instruction shall be submitted to the Central Election Commission by the authorized representative.

4.10. The Central Election Commission shall submit the authorized representative with written reference on receiving the submitted documents (Appendice # 7 made to Instruction).

4.11. The Central Election Commission shall review the submitted documents within 5 days and provide (deliver) the authorized representative with the decision on the approval or rejection of the candidate nomination.

5. Final provisions

5.1. Since the enforcement of this Instruction, Instruction “On the rules for the registration of the political party bloc and nomination of candidates by the political party and political party bloc in Presidential elections of the Republic of Azerbaijan”, approved by decision 6/23-4, dated 4 July 2008 by the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan, shall be invalidated.