

In the of Allah, the most gracious, the most merciful

Regulations governing the registration of political parties

Chapter One: General Provisions

Article 1

These Regulations are issued in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Law on Political Parties, and shall govern the process for registering political parties.

Article 2

The Ministry of Justice shall establish a registration office for matters relating to the registration of political parties and for the review of applications and manifestos/programmes of actions of political parties.

Chapter Two: Evaluation of requests and phases of registration

Article 3

Applications for registration of a political party shall be submitted by the founder of the political party or by the person so authorized by the political party to the Ministry of Justice. The request for the establishment of a political party will be evaluated, along with its constitution and programme by the relevant department.

Article 4

(1) Applications for registration shall include the following information and documentation:

- (a) The name of the party and its main address
- (b) The name(s) of the applicant(s)
- (c) The sources of funding
- (d) the party's symbol, slogan, and other means identifying the party
- (e) Proof of membership in accordance with the form attached to these regulations
- (f) The platform or programme of action of the party

(2) The Ministry shall, within one month, decide to accept or reject the consideration of the application. If the application does not contain the information in paragraph 1 above, or if it does not meet the requirement of Article 6 of the Law on Political Parties, the registration office shall return the application to the applicant for correction.

(3) The registration office shall issue receipts to the applications for applications received.

(4) If the Ministry of Justice rejects the consideration of an application, the applicant has the right of appeal to the relevant court. the decision of the relevant court shall be decisive and final.

Article 5

- (1) The Ministry shall decide on each application within two months of receipt of a complete application.
- (2) When the Ministry accepts the application, it shall register the party and notify the application(s) of its decision in writing within two days.

Article 6

- (1) Political parties shall within 10 days report to the Ministry of Justice any change to the platform/manifesto of the political party, including a copy of the decision of the assembly or other authorized organ of the party.
- (2) The registration office shall register the amendment in paragraph 1 in the relevant records.

Chapter Three: Final Provisions

Article 7

The Ministry shall remove the name of a political party (1) if the political party has ceased to exist on the basis of a decision of its congress or assembly or (2) if the political party has been dissolved or prohibited pursuant to a decision of the relevant Court, or if its activities have been prohibited.

Article 8

The Ministry of Justice shall published the decision to register a political party through mass media at the expense of the political party.

Article 9

The Ministry shall publish the names of all registered political parties 7 days before the elections.

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Annex to Regulations Governing the Registration of Political Parties

Sample membership application form

Name: _____
Name of father _____
Age: _____
Permanente address: _____
Current address _____

I hereby state my wish to become member of [name of political party] and accept all objectives of [name of political party] and confirm that I am not a member of any other political party.

Signature of applicant

For the political party

The person above is and Afghan citizen of voting age and meets all requirements for membership of the party.

Signature of authorized party official