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Electoral Act 5 of 2014
section 205

**Regulations relating to Registration of Voters,
Political Parties, Associations or Organisations**

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PART 1
INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

Definitions

1. In these regulations a word or an expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act has that meaning and, unless the context indicates otherwise -

“Annexure” means an Annexure to these regulations; and

“the Act” means the Electoral Act, 2014 (Act No. 5 of 2014).

PART 2
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Application for registration as voter

2. (1) If a person applies in terms of section 26 of the Act for registration as a voter a registration officer must complete in respect of that person an application form that is substantially in the form set out in Form 9 in the Annexure.

(2) If an application for registration as a voter in terms of section 26 of the Act is -

(a) refused by a registration officer in terms of section 28 of the Act, that registration officer must -

(i) record such refusal on the application form referred to in subregulation (1); and

(ii) complete a refusal form that is substantially in the form set out in Form 10 in the Annexure;

(b) accepted by a registration officer in terms of section 30 of the Act, that registration officer must record such acceptance on the application form referred to in subregulation (1).

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Statements, documents and accounts to prove compliance with residence qualification

3. For the purposes of section 26(3)(d) and section 26(4)(d) of the Act and in addition to any document, statement, certificate or account referred to in those sections -

- (a) a person to whom a registration card has been issued under section 30 of the Act, in respect of the local authority area in question, may submit to the registration officer a statement under oath or affirmation in which it is indicated that -
 - (i) the applicant is known to the declarant; and
 - (ii) to the best of the declarant's knowledge the applicant complies, with regard to that local authority area, with the applicable qualification relating to residence; or
- (b) an applicant contemplated in those sections may submit to the registration officer, a water and electricity account or a telephone account issued to that applicant, containing his or her name, residential address and other particulars.

Appeal against refusal to register applicant

4. If an electoral tribunal in terms of section 29 of the Act allows or dismisses an appeal, that electoral tribunal must record the reasons for any such decision on the refusal form referred to in regulation 2(2)(a)(ii).

Voters' and duplicate voters' registration cards

5. (1) A voter registration card or a duplicate voter registration card must be completed and issued as contemplated in sections 30 and 35 of the Act respectively and must be a PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride) card that contains the registration details, picture and signature of the voter.

(2) A voter registration card or a duplicate voter registration card must also display a 2D barcode with encrypted registration details.

(3) The voter registration card or a duplicate voter registration card must indicate the region, constituency or local authority for which the voter is qualified to participate in.

(4) A duplicate voter registration card issued must be endorsed with the word "duplicate" as well as the date of issue below the voter registration number.

Voters' lists and voters' registers

- 6.** (1) The names of persons to be included in -
 - (a) any voters' list referred to in section 30(4) of the Act; or
 - (b) any provisional voters' register referred to in section 31 of the Act; or
 - (c) any voters' register referred to in section 36 of the Act, must be included in alphabetical order according to their surnames and -

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- (i) all surnames which are identical must be grouped together and the order of the names in the group must be determined by the alphabetical order of the first names which must be regarded to be one word;
- (ii) where several persons have surnames beginning with the same letter, the order must be determined by the second letter of the surname of each of these persons in alphabetical order;
- (iii) where the first two letters of the surnames of several persons are identical, the order must be determined by the third letter or the following letter of the surname of each of these persons in alphabetical order;
- (iv) a surname consisting of two parts with a hyphen separating them must be regarded to be one word;
- (v) a surname which is written with an unattached prefix must be regarded to be one word.

[Subregulation (1) is reproduced as it appears in the *Government Gazette*. However, the portion of subregulation (1) beginning with the phrase “must be included in alphabetical order according to their surnames and –” appears to have been intended to apply to paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) rather than just paragraph (c). If this assumption is correct, subregulation (1) should appear as follows:

- (1) The names of persons to be included in -
 - (a) any voters' list referred to in section 30(4) of the Act; or
 - (b) any provisional voters' register referred to in section 31 of the Act; or
 - (c) any voters' register referred to in section 36 of the Act,
 must be included in alphabetical order according to their surnames and -
 - (i) all surnames which are identical must be grouped together and the order of the names in the group must be determined by the alphabetical order of the first names which must be regarded to be one word;
 - (ii) where several persons have surnames beginning with the same letter, the order must be determined by the second letter of the surname of each of these persons in alphabetical order;
 - (iii) where the first two letters of the surnames of several persons are identical, the order must be determined by the third letter or the following letter of the surname of each of these persons in alphabetical order;
 - (iv) a surname consisting of two parts with a hyphen separating them must be regarded to be one word;
 - (v) a surname which is written with an unattached prefix must be regarded to be one word.]

(2) Opposite the surname and first names of a person contemplated in subregulation (1), there must be included in separate columns the residential and digital details as captured and the voter registration number of that person.

(3) Below the surname and first names of a person contemplated in subregulation (1), there must be included the encrypted barcode and registration date of the most recent registration or change of particulars.

(4) If a provisional voters' register or voters' register is printed, the pages must be numbered consecutively at the top of each page and the name of the constituency or local authority area must appear at the bottom and top of each page of that register.

(5) The certification referred to in section 36(1)(b) of the Act must appear at the end of a voters' register and must substantially be in the following form:

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“I hereby certify that the national voters’ register/ local authority voters’ register has been checked and that it is the correct voters’ register for the constituency/ local authority area of

Place:

Date:

.....
Signature of the Chief Electoral Officer”.

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Application for registration

7. An application for registration -
 - (a) as a political party in terms of section 136 of the Act must be substantially in the form set out in Form 11 in the Annexure;
 - (b) as an association or organisation in terms of section 148 of the Act must be substantially in the form set out in Form 12 in the Annexure.

Amount payable in respect of registration

8. The amount payable in respect of an application for registration of -
 - (a) a political party in terms of section 136 of the Act is N\$ 25 000.00;
 - (b) an association or organisation in terms of section 148 of the Act is N\$ 2 500.00,

and must be paid into the State Revenue Fund and the receipt issued in respect of such payment must accompany the application for registration referred to in regulation 7.

Certificate of registration

9. The certificate of registration contemplated in section 137(3) of the Act must be issued -
 - (a) in respect of a political party contemplated in section 136 of the Act, substantially in the form set out in Form 13 in the Annexure; and
 - (b) in respect of an association or organisation contemplated in section 148 of the Act, substantially in the form set out in Form 14 in the Annexure.

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Street Settlement/Village/

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Town/City/ Farm		House Number	
Continuous residence at fixed address for more than 12 months			
	Yes	No	Date fixed residence started
	☐	☐	Y Y Y Y M M D D

I hereby affirm or on oath confirm in the presence of the Registration Officer that the above particulars are true and correct and that I'm not disqualified to register as a voter in terms of the Electoral Act.

Full name of Registration Officer:

Signature of Registration Officer:

Registration Point:

Date Stamp

Signature / fingerprint of Applicant (not to go outside of this box)

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Form 10

REFUSAL TO REGISTER APPLICANT AS A VOTER
(Regulations 2(2)(a)(ii) and 4)

PART A: PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT

Surname:

First Names:

ID Number:

Date of birth:

Residential Address:

Gender:

M	F
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PART B: FOR REGISTRATION OFFICER'S USE

The applicant has been refused registration as a voter in the Region of in respect of the

Constituency of

Local Authority Area of

The reason(s) for refusal being:
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.....
.....

.....
Full name of Registration Officer(print)

.....
Signature of Registration Officer

Date Stamp

PART C: FOR MAGISTRATE'S USE IN CASE OF APPEAL

Appeal by applicant against refusal of registration: **ALLOWED/DISMISSED** for the following reasons:

.....
.....
.....

.....
Signature of Magistrate

Date Stamp

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Form 11

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A POLITICAL PARTY
(Regulation 7(a))

A. PARTICULARS OF POLITICAL PARTY

1. Name of political party:
2. Abbreviated name of political party (if any) and state whether the political party desires that name to appear on any ballot paper in question:
3. Authorised representative of political party:
Surname:
First names:
Business address of office of authorised representative:
Postal address of office of authorised representative:
4. State full names, residential and postal addresses, and capacity or designation of office in political party of other office-bearers of political party and attach hereto as Annexure A.
5. Attach distinctive symbol of political party (if any) as Annexure B hereto. If the political party has a distinctive symbol, state whether the political party desires that the symbol should appear on the relevant ballot paper.

Yes	No
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6. Has the prescribed amount been paid for registration? If affirmative, attach the relevant receipt as Annexure C hereto.
7. Attach the constitution of the political party as Annexure D hereto.
8. Attach the declaration required in terms of subsection (2)(d) of section 136 of the Electoral Act, 2014 (Act No. 5 of 2014) as Annexure E hereto.
9. Irrespective of whether the constitution of the political party contains any provision to the contrary or not:

Yes	No
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(a) Is it the principal object of the political party to participate in or promote elections under the Electoral Act, 2014, as contemplated in section 135(2)(a) of that Act?

Yes	No
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- (b) Is any object of the political party prejudicial to the safety of the State, sovereignty and integrity, the public safety, welfare or the peace and good order as contemplated in section 135(2) (b)(i) of that Act?
- | | |
|-----|----|
| Yes | No |
|-----|----|
- (c) Is any object of the political party contrary to the laws of Namibia as contemplated in section 135(2)(b)(ii) of that Act?
- | | |
|-----|----|
| Yes | No |
|-----|----|
- (d) Is the membership of the political party excluded or restricted on the grounds of sex, race, colour, ethnic origin, religion, creed or social or economic status as contemplated in section 135(2)(b)(iii) of that Act?
- | | |
|-----|----|
| Yes | No |
|-----|----|
- (e) Does any object of the political party use or include words, slogans or symbols which could give rise to division on any basis specified in section 135(2)(b)(iv) of that Act?
- | | |
|-----|----|
| Yes | No |
|-----|----|
- (f) Does any object of the political party provide for discriminatory practices contrary to the Namibian Constitution or any other law as contemplated in section 135(2)(b) (v) of that Act?
- | | |
|-----|----|
| Yes | No |
|-----|----|
- (g) Does any object of the political party accept or advocate the use of force or violence as a means of attaining its political objectives as contemplated in section 135(2)(b) (vi) of that Act?
- | | |
|-----|----|
| Yes | No |
|-----|----|
- (h) Does any object of the political party advocate or aim to carry on its political activities exclusively in one part of Namibia as contemplated in section 135(2)(b) (vii) of that Act?
- | | |
|-----|----|
| Yes | No |
|-----|----|
- (i) Does any object of the political party advocate or aim to carry on its political activities on the grounds of sex, race, colour, ethnic origin, religion, creed or social or economic status as contemplated in section 135(2)(b)(viii) of that Act?
- | | |
|-----|----|
| Yes | No |
|-----|----|
- (j) Does any object of the political party provide for regular, periodic and open election of its office bearers as contemplated in section 135(2)(b)(ix) of that Act?

B. DECLARATION BY AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE OF POLITICAL PARTY

I, (state full names) in my capacity as the authorised representative of (state the name of the political party) hereby declare that the information contained in this application, including the Annexures thereto, are true and correct.

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Form 12

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS AN ASSOCIATION OR ORGANISATION
(Regulation 7(b))

A. PARTICULARS OF ASSOCIATION OR ORGANISATION

1. Name of association or organisation
2. Local authority council in respect of which registration is applied for
3. Abbreviated name of association or organisation (if any)
and state whether the association or organisation desires that name appear on any ballot
paper in question.

Yes	No
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4. Authorised representative of association or organisation:

Surname:

First names:

Business address of office of authorised representative:

Postal address of office of authorised representative:
5. State full names, residential and postal addresses, and capacity or designation of office in
association or organisation of other office-bearers of association or organisation and attach
hereto as Annexure A.
6. Attach distinctive symbol of association or organisation (if any) as Annexure B hereto. If
the association or organisation has a distinctive symbol, state whether the association or
organisation desires that the symbol should appear on the relevant ballot paper

Yes	No
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7. Has the prescribed amount been paid for registration? If affirmative, attach the relevant
receipt as Annexure C hereto.
8. Attach the constitution of the association or organisation as Annexure D hereto.
9. Attach the declaration required in terms of subsection (2)(d) of section 136 of the Electoral
Act, 2014 (Act No. 5 of 2014) as Annexure E hereto.
10. Irrespective of whether the constitution of the association or organisation contains any
provision to the contrary or not:

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- (a) Is it the principal object of the association or organisation to participate in or promote elections under the Electoral Act, 2014, as contemplated in section 135(2)(a) of that Act?
- | | |
|-----|----|
| Yes | No |
|-----|----|
- (b) Is any object of the association or organisation prejudicial to the safety of the State, sovereignty and integrity, the public safety, welfare or the peace and good order as contemplated in section 135(2)(b)(i) of that Act?
- | | |
|-----|----|
| Yes | No |
|-----|----|
- (c) Is any object of the association or organisation contrary to the laws of Namibia as contemplated in section 135(2)(b)(ii) of that Act?
- | | |
|-----|----|
| Yes | No |
|-----|----|
- (d) Is the membership of the association or organisation excluded or restricted on the grounds of sex, race, colour, ethnic origin, religion, creed or social or economic status as contemplated in section 135(2)(b)(iii) of that Act?
- | | |
|-----|----|
| Yes | No |
|-----|----|
- (e) Does any object of the association or organisation use or include words, slogans or symbols which could give rise to division on any basis specified in section 135(2)(b)(iv) of that Act?
- | | |
|-----|----|
| Yes | No |
|-----|----|
- (f) Does any object of the association or organisation provide for discriminatory practices contrary to the Namibian Constitution or any other law as contemplated in section 135(2)(b)(v) of that Act?
- | | |
|-----|----|
| Yes | No |
|-----|----|
- (g) Does any object of the association or organisation accept or advocate the use of force or violence as a means of attaining its political objectives as contemplated in section 135(2)(b)(vi) of that Act?
- | | |
|-----|----|
| Yes | No |
|-----|----|
- (h) Does any object of the association or organisation advocate or aim to carry on its political activities exclusively in one part of Namibia as contemplated in section 135(2)(b)(vii) of that Act?
- | | |
|-----|----|
| Yes | No |
|-----|----|
- (i) Does any object of the association or organisation advocate or aim to carry on its political activities on the grounds of sex, race, colour, ethnic origin, religion, creed or social or economic status as contemplated in section 135(2)(b)(viii) of that Act?
- | | |
|-----|----|
| Yes | No |
|-----|----|
- (j) Does any object of the association or organisation provide for regular, periodic and open election of its office bearers as contemplated in section 135(2)(b)(ix) of that Act?
- | | |
|-----|----|
| Yes | No |
|-----|----|

B. DECLARATION BY AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE OF ASSOCIATION OR ORGANISATION

I, (state full names) in my capacity as the authorised representative of..... (state the name of the association or organisation) hereby declare that the information contained in this application, including the Annexures thereto, are true and correct.

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Form 13

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CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AS A POLITICAL PARTY
(Regulation 9(a))

It is hereby certified that the political party of which the particulars are furnished below, has been registered, with effect from the date hereof, as political party in terms of section 136 of the Electoral Act, 2014 (Act No. 5 of 2014):

1. Particulars of political party:

.....

2. Abbreviated name of political party (if any):

.....

.....
Chief Electoral Officer of the Electoral Commission of Namibia

.....
Date

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Form 14

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CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AS AN ASSOCIATION OR ORGANISATION
(Regulation 9(b))

It is hereby certified that the association or organisation of which the particulars are furnished below, has been registered, with effect from the date hereof, as association or organisation in terms of section 148 of the Electoral Act, 2014 (Act No. 5 of 2014):

Particulars of association or organisation:

1. Name of association or organisation:

.....

2. Abbreviated name of association or organisation (if any):

.....

.....
Chief Electoral Officer of the Electoral Commission of Namibia

.....
Date
