

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AFGHAN ELECTORAL SYSTEM

ELECTORAL SYSTEM REGULATIONS	Constitution		Articles 33 and 159	
	Electoral Law		Decree of the President of the Islamic Transition State of Afghanistan on the Adoption of the Electoral Law (2004).	
ACTIVE VOTE	Age		From 18 years	
	Nationality		Afghan	
	Cense		Previous cense is necessary	
	Sex		Both	
PASSIVE VOTE	Incompatibilities		<p>1) Chief Justice, members of the High Court and the Attorney General, while in duty;</p> <p>2) Officials of Armed Forces (Ministry of Defence and Interior Affairs, and General Department of National Security) while in duty, unless they have resigned from their position 75 days before elections;</p> <p>3) Judges, attorneys and members of civil service of the State, unless they have resigned from their position 75 days before elections.</p>	
	Ineligibility		<p>a) Pursue objectives that are opposed to the principles of Islam and the Constitution;</p> <p>b) Use force or threaten with, or propagate the use of, force;</p> <p>c) Incite ethnic, linguistic, regional or religious tension and discrimination;</p> <p>d) Create real danger to the rights or freedoms of individuals or intentionally disrupt public order and security;</p> <p>e) Have non-official military forces or are part of them;</p> <p>f) Receive funds from foreign sources;</p> <p>g) Receive funds from illegal sources.</p>	
	Requisites	Presidency	<p>1. Must have Afghan nationality;</p> <p>2. Minimum of 40 years,</p> <p>3. Should not have been convicted of crimes against humanity, criminal act, or deprivation of the civil rights by the court.</p>	
		National Assembly	Low House or House of the People	<p>1. Must have Afghan nationality;</p> <p>2. Must not be less than 25 years;</p> <p>3. Should not have been convicted of crimes against humanity, criminal acts, or deprivation of the</p>
	High House or House of the Elder			

			civil rights by a court
	Provincial Councils	1. Must have Afghan nationality; 2. Must not be less than 18 years; 3. Should not have been convicted of crimes against humanity, criminal acts, or deprivation of the civil rights by a court.	
ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN			30 days
CANDIDATURE SYSTEM			Individual (non-partisan candidates)
EXPRESSION OF THE VOTE			Single/categorical
ELECTORAL CIRCUMSCRIPTIONS			398
ELECTORAL MINIMUM BASE			50% for the Presidential elections None for the Parliamentary and Provincial elections
TIME OF PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES	Presidency	5 years	
	National Assembly	High House or House of the Elder	3-5 years
		Low House or House of the People	5 years
	Provincial Councils	5 years	
SEATS OF PARLIAMENT	National Assembly	High House or House of the Elder	102
		Low House or House of the People	249
SEATS IN PROVINCIAL COUNCILS		34 provinces	Between 9 and 29 seats according to the population in each of the provinces until an amount of 398.
ORGAN IN CHARGE OF ACCEPTING THE CANDIDATES AND ANOUNCING DEFINITIVE RESULTS		Independent Election Commission of Afghanistan (IECA) and Election Complaints Commission (ECC)	
ORGAN IN CHARGE OF SUPERVISING THE ELECTION PROCESS		Independent Election Commission of Afghanistan (IECA) and Election Complaints Commission (ECC)	