

Characteristics of the Election System of Pakistan

Laws and rules which govern the electoral system	Constitution	Part III: President: Article 41 Parliament: Article 50
	Electoral law	Second schedule to the Constitution: Presidential Election Rules (1988)
		Senate Election Act and Senate Election Rules (1975) Senate (for Members of the Federal Capital) Order (1985, 1988)
		People's Act 1976 and Representation of the People 1977 rule elections for National and Provincial Assemblies
Active vote	Age	From 18 years old
	Nationality	Pakistani
	Census	Previous census required
	Sex	Both
Passive vote	Incompatibilities	None
	Ineligibility ¹	a) He is unsound mind and has been so declared by a competent court; b) He is an undercharged insolvent; c) He ceases to be a citizen of Pakistan, or acquires the citizenship of a foreign State; d) He holds an office of profit in the service of Pakistan other than an office declared by law not to disqualify its holder; e) He is in the service of any statutory body of any body which is owned or controlled by the Government or in which the Government has a controlling share or interest;

¹ I present a selection of the fourteen points as they appear at the Pakistani Constitution.

		<p>f) He has been dismissed from the service of Pakistan on the ground of misconduct unless a period of five years has elapsed since his release;</p> <p>g) He is found guilty of a corrupt or illegal practice under any law for the time being in force, unless a period of five years has elapsed from the date on which that order takes effect.</p>
	Requisites	<p>Senate</p> <p>Not less than 30 years Pakistani citizenship Being a good Muslim Being enrolled as a voter in any electoral roll Not being convicted for any crime involving moral turpitude or for giving false evidence</p>
		<p>National Assembly</p> <p>Not less than 25 years Pakistani citizenship Being a good Muslim Being enrolled as a voter in any electoral roll Not being convicted for any crime involving moral turpitude or for giving false evidence</p>
		<p>Provincial Assembly</p> <p>Not less than 18 years Pakistani citizenship Being a good Muslim Being enrolled as a voter in any electoral roll Not being convicted for any crime involving moral turpitude or for giving false evidence</p>
Electoral Campaign		15 days
Type of candidature		Uninominal
Expression of the vote		Single transferable vote
Electoral constituencies		272
Extension of tenure	Presidency	5 years
	Senate	6 years (3+3)
	National Assembly	5 years
	Provincial Assembly	
Seats in Parliament	Senate	100

	National Assembly	342
Seats in Provincial Assemblies	Punjab	371
	Sindh	168
	NWFP	124
	Baluchistan	65