

GUIDELINES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF A NEW POLITICAL PARTY AS PER THE PPRC ACT NO. 25 OF 2022

PART VI – REGISTRATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES

21. An association of persons formed to -

Registration of political party.

- (a) participate in shaping the political will of the populace;
- (b) disseminate information on political ideas, social and economic programmes of a national character; or
- (c) sponsor candidates for Presidential, Parliamentary or Local Government elections,

that wish to function as a political party, shall apply to the Commission to be registered as a political party.

22. (1) An association under section 21 which wish to be registered as a political party shall submit an application for registration to the Commission accompanied by -

Application for registration.

- (a) 3 copies of the Constitution and rules of the proposed political party, duly signed by the interim national Chairman or leader and by the interim national or General Secretary of the association, stating-

- (i) the name of the proposed political party;

- (ii) the aims, objectives, purposes and programmes of the proposed political party, which shall not be inconsistent with the Constitution; and
 - (iii) the internal organisation of the proposed political party, which shall reflect principles of democracy, including provision for free and fair election, at regular intervals, of the leadership of the proposed political party;
- (b) the registered office address of the proposed political party in -
 - (i) Freetown; and
 - (ii) each of the provincial headquarters-towns, owned or leased for at least 5 years, by the association for the purposes of the proposed political party; and
- (c) the names of persons who are authorised to receive or issue notices and correspondence on behalf of the proposed political party;
- (d) an abbreviation of the name of the proposed political party, if any, which may be used on ballot papers and a full description of its symbol, colour and motto;
- (e) proof of evidence of membership of at least 50 members in each electoral district;
- (f) such other particulars of the matters stated in paragraphs (a) to (c) as may be prescribed; and

- (g) a non-refundable application fee, calculated at the current minimum wage and multiplied by 12, to be used by the Commission in processing the application.

(2) The Commission shall, upon receipt of an application for the registration of a political party under subsection (1), -

- (a) issue the association with a receipt of payment of the application fee; and
- (b) cause a notice of application to be published in the Gazette not later than 7 days of the receipt of the application.

(3) The Commission shall, if satisfied that the provisions of the Constitution and this Act, including payment of the registration fee, calculated at minimum wage x 12 x 5 has been complied with, -

- (a) register an association as a political party at the expiration of 30 days after publication of the notice of application;
- (b) subject to section 23, issue to that association a certificate of registration.

(4) An applicant for the registration of a political party shall not organise or hold a public meeting unless it has been issued with certificate of registration by the Commission under subsection (3).

(5) The Executive Secretary shall transmit to the Administrator and Registrar-General a copy of the application together with the supporting documents provided under subsection (1) for registration and safekeeping.