



In accordance with Article 2.9, paragraph (1), item 2. of the Election Law of Bosnia and Herzegovina (“Official Gazette of BiH”, no. 23/01, 7/02, 9/02, 20/02, 25/02, 4/04, 20/04, 25/05, 52/05, 65/05, 77/05, 11/06, 24/06, 32/07 and 33/08), and the Decision on announcing and holding the 2008 Local Elections number 01-07-1-1222/08 from May 08, 2008, the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina, at its 20<sup>th</sup> session held on May 08 2008, p a s s e d the following

**INSTRUCTION**  
**on the deadlines and the sequence of electoral activities for the Local Elections to be held on**  
**Sunday, October 05, 2008**

**Article 1**

This Instruction lays down the deadlines and the sequence of activities for the Local Elections to be held on Sunday, October 05, 2008, which commence on May 08, 2008, i.e. the day of the adoption of the Decision on announcing and holding the 2008 Local Elections.

**Article 2**

**1) Registration and certification of political entities<sup>1</sup>, associations of citizens and citizen groups**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Bearer of Activities</b>	<b>Legal Basis<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>1.</b>	Submitting applications for the certification of political parties, independent candidates, associations of citizens and citizen groups	<b>From 08/05/08 to 23/05/08 until 5.00 p.m.</b>	<i>Political parties, independent candidates, associations and citizens</i>	Articles 4.6 and 4.10
<b>2.</b>	Certification of political parties and independent candidates for participation in the elections	<b>Until 07/06/08</b>	<i>The BiH Central Election Commission</i>	Articles 4.6 and 4.10
<b>3.</b>	Submitting applications for the certification of coalitions and lists of independent candidates	<b>From 08/06/08 to 17/06/08 until 5.00 p.m.</b>	<i>Coalitions and independent candidates</i>	Articles 4.12 and 4.15

<sup>1</sup> Political parties, independent candidates, coalitions and lists of independent candidates.

<sup>2</sup> The Election Law of Bosnia and Herzegovina (“Official Gazette of BiH”, no. 23/01, 7/02, 9/02, 20/02, 25/02, 4/04, 20/04, 25/05, 52/05, 65/05, 77/05, 11/06, 24/06, 32/07 and 33/08).

<b>4.</b>	Certification of coalitions and lists of independent candidates for participation in the elections	<b>Until 24/06/08</b>	<i>The BiH Central Election Commission</i>	Articles 4.12 and 4.15
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**2) Submitting candidates lists, and candidates lists for the election of representatives of national minorities**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Bearer of Activities</b>	<b>Legal Basis</b>
<b>1.</b>	Submitting candidates lists	<b>From 25/06/08 to 07/07/08 until 5.00 p.m.</b>	<i>Political entities</i>	Article 4.21, paragraph (1)
<b>2.</b>	Final certification of candidates lists	<b>Until 01/08/08</b>	<i>The BiH Central Election Commission</i>	Article 4.21, paragraph (2)
<b>3.</b>	Publishing final candidates lists in the official gazettes and in the media	<b>Until 21/08/08</b>	<i>The BiH Central Election Commission</i>	Article 4.23, paragraph (1)

**3) Establishing the sequence of political entities, associations of citizens and citizen groups on the ballots**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Bearer of Activities</b>	<b>Legal Basis</b>
<b>1.</b>	Drawing lots in order to establish the sequence of political entities on the ballots	<b>24/07/08</b>	<i>The BiH Central Election Commission</i>	Article 5.15

**4) Central Voters Register**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Bearer of Activities</b>	<b>Legal Basis</b>
<b>1.</b>	Submitting data on changes in the records of displaced persons and in the records of citizens who vote from out the country	<b>Until 22/07/08</b>	<i>The BiH Central Election Commission</i>	Article 3.6, paragraph (6), item b)
<b>2.</b>	The closure and the verification of the final Central Voters Register	<b>21/08/08</b>	<i>The BiH Central Election Commission</i>	Article 3.12 a, paragraph (1)

<b>3.</b>	Announcing the number of voters for each constituency	<b>28/08/08</b>	<i>The BiH Central Election Commission</i>	Article 15.10, paragraph (1)
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### 5) Polling Stations

<b>No.</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Bearer of Activities</b>	<b>Legal Basis</b>
<b>1.</b>	Preliminary designation of polling stations	<b>No later than 01/08/08</b>	<i>Municipal Election Commission<sup>3</sup></i>	Article 5.1, paragraph (2)
<b>2.</b>	Publicizing locations of polling stations designated for voting	<b>No later than 20/09/08</b>	<i>Municipal Election Commission</i>	Article 5.1, paragraph (5)

### 6) Polling Station Committees

<b>No.</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Bearer of Activities</b>	<b>Legal Basis</b>
<b>1.</b>	Appointing the members of the Polling Station Committees	<b>No later than 05/09/08</b>	<i>Municipal Election Commission</i>	Article 2.19, paragraph (3)
<b>2.</b>	Training of the members of the Polling Station Committees	<b>From 15/09/08 to 25/09/08</b>	<i>Municipal Election Commission</i>	Article 2.13, paragraph (4)

### 7) Election campaign

<b>No.</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Bearer of Activities</b>	<b>Legal Basis</b>
<b>1.</b>	Paid political advertising	<b>From 05/09/08 to 03/10/08 until 07.00 a.m.</b>	<i>Political entities and the media</i>	Article 16.12, paragraph (1)
<b>2.</b>	Prohibition to release the results of public opinion research	<b>From 03/10/08, from 07.00 a.m. until the closing of polling stations</b>	<i>The media</i>	Article 16.10

<sup>3</sup> Municipal Election Commission also means the Election Commissions of the District of Brčko BiH, the City of Mostar and the City of Banja Luka.

3.	Election silence	<b>From 04/10/08, from 07.00 a.m. until the closing of polling stations</b>	<i>All participants in the electoral process</i>	Article 16.11
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### 8) Election results

No.	Activities	Deadline	Bearer of Activities	Legal Basis
1.	Public posting of the voting results at the polling station	<b>No later than 12 hours after the closing of polling stations</b>	<i>President of the Polling Station Committee</i>	Article 5.26, paragraph (2)
2.	Public posting of consolidated summary of voting at municipal level	<b>No later than 24 hours after the closing of polling stations</b>	<i>Municipal Election Commission</i>	Article 5.27 paragraph (1)
3.	Announcement of preliminary, unofficial and incomplete results of the 2008 Local Elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>05/10/2008 at midnight</b></li> <li>b) <b>06/10/2008 at 12.00 p.m.</b></li> <li>c) <b>06.10.2008 at 07.00 p.m.</b></li> <li>d) <b>From 07/10/08 to 12/10/08 at 04.00 p.m.</b></li> <li>e) <b>Each 48 hours from 12/10/2008 until the verification of results</b></li> </ul>	<i>The BiH Central Election Commission</i>	Article 5.29 a
4.	Verification of the results of the 2008 Local Elections	<b>No later than 04/11/08</b>	<i>The BiH Central Election Commission</i>	Article 5.32

### Article 3

This Instruction shall enter into force on the day of its adoption, and it shall be published in the “Official Gazette of BiH”, the “Official Gazette of the BiH Federation”, the “Official Gazette of Republika Srpska” and the “Official Gazette of the District of Brčko BiH”.

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Sarajevo, May 08 2008

President  
[signed and stamped]  
Dr. Suad Arnautović