

THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS OCTOBER 15, 2008 - VOTING STEPS GUIDE*

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT

You will be informed that you may vote only after you present one of the approved forms of identification and will then be asked to leave the polling station.

VOTING OUTSIDE THE POLLING STATION

If you cannot come to the polling station on Election Day due to illness or for other valid reasons, you may make a written or oral request to the PEC at least 24 hours prior to Election Day and request a mobile ballot box.

PLEASE NOTE

Visually impaired voters who are unable to mark the ballot paper independently may ask any person, aside from members of the election commission or observers at the polling station, to help them to receive and mark the ballot paper.

IF YOU CANNOT VOTE AT YOUR PRECINCT

If you cannot vote in the election precinct where you are registered, you may vote with a de-registration card (voting card) at the polling station in the area you will be in on Election Day. To receive a de-registration card, you must apply to either the Constituency Election Commission (25 to 45 days prior to Election Day) or the Precinct Election Commission (3 to 24 days prior to Election Day).



- Voting takes place from 08:00 to 19:00. You must bring the documents required for voting with you.
- Do not forget to check your name on the voters' list when you arrive at the polling station



- Before entering the voting room, the commission member who asked you to present your ID card, checks your left thumb with an ultraviolet lamp to make sure you have not already voted. If your thumb has not been inked, you will be allowed to enter the voting room.
- After this, you must go to the table on which the voters list is and at which the PEC members are seated.



The PEC Member:

- Asks your name and requests your ID or substitute document;
- Locates your name on the voters' list;
- Records the serial number of your ID or substitute document next to your name on the voters' list. Offers you to have your thumb marked with invisible ink.



- After having your thumb inked, a stamped ballot is issued to you. The ballot paper must be stamped with the official seal of the PEC. The PEC member will cut off and retain the upper left hand corner of the ballot paper. If you refuse to have your thumb marked, you will not be issued a ballot paper.
- After you receive the ballot paper, you should sign the voters' list against your name under the column entitled "Signature of Voters on Receipt of Ballot Paper".



- Afterwards, enter a vacant voting booth alone to ensure the secrecy of the voting process. Remember that nobody has the right to ask you about your choice or influence your decision.



- You must only mark one of the boxes on the ballot paper. Otherwise, your voting paper will be considered invalid.



- Fold your ballot and deposit it in the ballot box.



- You should leave the polling station immediately after voting in order to let the other voters vote as well.



*This is a translation of the voting steps guide mailed by the CEC to all voters with the voting notification.