

Placement of party representatives (monitors) and observers for 2020 Fresh Presidential Election

1. Only political parties contesting in the elections are allowed to place party representatives (monitors). For candidates who have alliance partners, the party sponsoring the candidate should coordinate the submission of names. No partner party should submit names directly to MEC. Even the party representatives coming from the alliance partners will be accredited under the name of the political party of the candidate.
2. All other organisations including CSOs, academia will be accredited as observers.
3. Every contesting political party shall be allowed to place up to two representatives per polling station (formerly called **stream**), who shall alternate. IDs will be processed by MEC District Elections Office and only names need to be submitted, no pictures. Accreditation forms are available from MEC District Elections Office.
4. Every contesting political party shall be allowed up to four Supervisory Party Representatives for each constituency. Any mobile Party Representative working within the constituency shall be accredited as Supervisory Party Representative. IDs will be processed by the MEC District Office and only names are required to be submitted.
5. Every contesting political party shall be allowed to place two Party Representatives for for each constituency at the District Tally Centre. The two representatives shall also alternate. The IDs will be processed by MEC District Elections Office and only names will need to be submitted.
6. All contesting political parties will be allowed up to 10 Party Representatives for the Main Tally Centre to be located in Blantyre. Names and photos need to be submitted to the MEC head office.

7. Local Observers will be all representatives placed by organisations and institutions other than political parties eg CSOs, Churches, Academia that will be stationed at one polling station (stream) or polling centre. Their accreditation will be processed by the MEC District Elections Office and they just need to submit names, no pictures. Accreditation forms are available from MEC District Offices.
8. Supervisory Observers will be all observers that will be mobile, moving from one polling centre to another within the constituency. Their IDs will be processed by the MEC District Elections Office. Any organization/institution will be allowed up to a maximum of four Supervisory Observers per Constituency. The names should be submitted to the MEC District Elections Office and no photos are required.
9. To ensure security of the polling and counting processes, Roving Party Representatives will not be allowed for this election. In this regard, no accreditation will be processed for Roving Party Representatives.
10. All party representatives or observers will NOT be allowed to vote at any polling station other than where they are registered. Therefore, parties and institutions are encouraged to allocate representatives and observers to polling stations where they registered or close to where they registered so that they can also vote.
11. Authority to Vote Elsewhere will only be processed for security officers and polling staff assigned by MEC to work in various polling stations if they are not registered in those polling stations.