

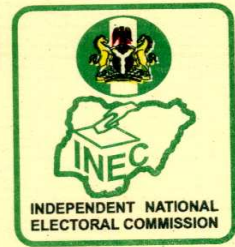


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### ABUSE OF SPECIAL REGISTRATION

It has come to the attention of the Commission that there is wide-spread abuse of special registration, a provision made by the Commission specifically to address Nigerians who may be physically challenged in order not to disenfranchise them.

The continued abuse of special registration is totally unacceptable as the purpose for which INEC decided to capture the fingerprints of registrants forestalling incidents of double/multiple registration is being circumvented.

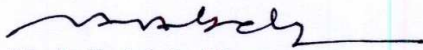
The Commission has already issued the following guidelines on the subject and are being implemented with vigour by Resident Electoral Commissioners in the States and the FCT:

1. Any person with prior registration without his/her fingerprints captured must return to the original Polling Unit with his/her Voter Card.
2. The Assistant Registration Officer (ARO) must check the Voter Card to confirm that the person was previously registered in the Polling Unit and was registered as a special registration.
3. The registrant must be re-registered on the same DDC machine including the capture of all fingerprints.
4. The registrant's former Voter Card is taken, cut through with scissors, and retained by the ARO.
5. A new Voter Card is printed and given to the registrant.
6. The registrant's previous registration is located in form EC1A and neatly cancelled and initialed signifying that the registration has been invalidated.
7. The person's details are recorded as a new registrant in form EC1A.
8. Subsequent to the registration period, and prior to the display period, form EC1A and all invalidated Voter Cards are returned to the LGA/State Office.

9. The form EC1A and invalidated Voter Cards will be used to locate and deactivate the first (special) registration entry on the LGA electronic voter register prior to the printing of lists for display.

10. Registrants should insist that all their fingerprints are captured.

Members of the public and voters registration officials are hereby reminded that double/multiple registration is an offence under Section 16, Sub-Sections 2 and 3 of the Electoral Act 2010 and is punishable by fine or imprisonment or both.



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