
Observer accreditation for the 25 October 2026 parliamentary elections

National Assembly elections are administered by the Republic Electoral Commission (REC) at the national level.

Accreditation applications close on 14 October 2026, ten days before Election Day.

Observer categories and where to apply

Category A - Organizations

International or foreign organizations and associations apply to the **Republic Electoral Commission**.

Category B - Foreign states

Representatives of foreign states apply to the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Serbia**.

Required documents

- 1) **Form FO-1** (attached) - application for foreign observers
- 2) **Form FO-2** (attached) - list of observer representatives
- 3) **Passport copies** for each listed observer representative
- 4) **List of interpreters** - name and surname, with JMBG for Serbian nationals or passport data for foreign nationals

CRTA recommends submitting all documents in two hard copies in person: one for the authority, one to be stamped and returned as proof of submission. Alongside, you are advised to send an identical electronic copy by email to the REC or the Ministry, as applicable.

i. All forms: rik.parlament.gov.rs/tekst/en/2908/observers.php

Key contacts

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Rights and obligations of international observers

- 1) Observer credentials must be worn visibly at all times. Accreditation may be revoked if an observer exceeds the scope of their authorization.
- 2) The REC and local electoral commissions (LECs) are required to ensure observers have unobstructed access to all electoral procedures.
- 3) There have been previous instances of observers' personal data being inadvertently published. After receiving accreditation, verify that personal information has not been disclosed.
- 4) Interpreters may not attend polling station proceedings unless accompanied by the observer they are assigned to.
- 5) Only one observer per observation mission may be present at a polling station at any given time. Observers may rotate in shifts, provided no more than one observer from the same mission is present simultaneously.

Scope of observation

Accreditation grants access to the work of the Republic Electoral Commission, the local electoral commissions, and all polling stations within the specified LEC territory.

Key deadlines

Deadline	Action
14 October 2026 (at the latest)	Category A submits to the REC; Category B submits to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
Before Election Day	Accreditation decision issued and published on rik.parlament.gov.rs (English).
25 October 2026	Observation continues through voting, vote counting, the determination of polling station results, and the handover of election materials.
Repeat elections	No new application needed - accreditation carries over. Notify the REC only when changing a named observer representative.

Checklist

- ☐ Confirm the observer category (A or B) and the authority to submit to.
- ☐ Complete Forms FO-1 and FO-2, attach passport copies and list of interpreter identification details, and apply by 14 October 2026.
- ☐ Submit two hard copies in person plus an identical electronic version by email; keep the stamped copy as proof of submission.
- ☐ Wear credentials at all times once accredited.