

# Code of conduct for political party and candidate agents



Political parties and candidates contesting an election in Vanuatu undertake voluntarily and in good faith to adhere to this Code of Conduct guiding principles, and hereby undertake to:

- Subscribe to the principles of democratic elections, and in so doing respect electoral laws, strive to maintain public confidence in the electoral process and uphold the democratic rights of the citizens of Vanuatu.
- Respect and adhere to the principles and rules of conduct set out in this Code and actively promote adherence to the Code on the part of other members. All political parties shall make the Code available to their members, agents and other representatives.
- Maintain and promote respect for the electoral laws, regulations and rules. This involves complying with both the letter and spirit of the provisions of all electoral laws and regulations, including the administrative, regulatory and offence provisions of the law.
- Maintain and assist in maintaining the fair and proper administration of the vote, and the secrecy of the vote.
- Conduct themselves in ways that uphold the integrity of, and the public's respect for, the electoral system.
- Ensure that their conduct is above reproach and therefore not engage in conduct which could be regarded as unfair or unacceptable by reasonable, fair-minded and informed persons.
- Co-operate with electoral officials who are charged with the responsibility to conduct elections and shall not interfere with electoral officials in the performance of their duties.
- Extend all necessary help and co-operation to the law-enforcing authorities, in responding fully and accurately to any inquiries or investigations of electoral offences.
- Refrain from using VEO accreditation cards for purposes other than those specified, and from giving the card to anyone other than the person to whom it was issued.

The VEO reserves the right to revoke the accreditation of any agent in the event of a violation of the provisions of the law and the regulations of this code of conduct.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_