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Local Authorities Election – MAY 06,2025

Granting of leave for the Staff serving State and Private Banks and other Financial Institutions, to cast vote

In addition to the Media Release No LAE/2025/71 & LAE/2025/72 of 25.04.2025, the Election Commission issues this Media Release to enable those who are employed in the Public and Private sectors to cast vote without loss of leave and pay.

Provisions under Section 84A of Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Cap 262) elucidate the employers' responsibility in granting leave for their employees to cast vote and this applies to the Local Authorities Election scheduled for 06.05.2025 as well.

This has been notified to all employers, yet the Election Commission has received complaints that this provision has not been adhered to by some banks and financial institutions.

It is therefore, informed that the heads of all State Sector and Private Sector banks and financial institutions, should grant leave appropriately to the employees of respective institutions to go to the polling stations assigned to them and cast vote.

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