

DECISION

of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan
on the distribution of free airtime and publication of airtime schedule in the
Presidential Elections of the Republic of Azerbaijan, appointed to April 11, 2018

The registration of the candidates in the Presidential elections to be held on April 11, 2018 was ended and consequently 8 contestants were registered. Pursuant to Article 75.2 of the Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan, 23 days prior to the voting day, during pre-election campaign starting from March 19, 2018 registered candidates and the entitled subjects may conduct free and payable campaign in either mass media, or other methods determined by the legislation.

Public TV and Radio Broadcasting Company has allocated free airtime 2 times more (6 hours in a week) than the volume implied by Article 80.5 of the Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan (at least 3 hours in a week) and undertook the commitment of submitting this time by 3 hours in TV and 3 hours in radio for the use of the entitled subjects in the format of "round table". Within the opportunities of Public TV and Radio Broadcasting Company, it was agreed between Central Election Commission and the Company on providing the users with the airtime within totally, 3 days in a week - every time for an hour; at 19.00 on radio and at 22.00 on TV.

Lottery commission was established by the Central Election Commission for the distribution of the allocated airtime among the users in a manner defined by law, the information on date and time of the lottery was published in advance upon the determination and relevant activities have been undertaken to ensure the participation of the interested subjects.

The lottery commission shall implement the distribution of the allocated airtime by drawing lots and by recording the lottery results in a protocol officially, the airtime schedule shall be published in a manner defined by Article 80.7 of the Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Lottery shall be held for the distribution of free airtime among the persons implied by Articles 74.1.3 and 74.1.6 of the Code in equal terms and volume on the basis of their applications within a week after ending the period mentioned in Article 75 of the Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan in comply with Articles 80.4 and 80.6 of the Code. The lottery results shall be recorded officially in a protocol and the airtime schedule shall be published in the periodicals implied by Article 77.2 of the Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Adopting the above-mentioned as a basis and pursuant to Articles 19.4, 19.14, 28.2, 28.4, 74, 75, 80.1 and 80.4-80.7 of the Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan, CEC **decides**:

1. Lottery commission shall ensure the distribution of the airtime allocated by Public TV and Radio Broadcasting Company by lottery, the total volume of the airtime if 6 hours weekly (3 hours - every time for an hour on radio by starting from 19.00 and 3 hours on TV by starting from 22.00).

2. Lottery results shall be recorded officially in a protocol and the airtime schedule shall be published in a manner defined by Article 80.7 of the Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

3. The management body of Public TV and Radio Broadcasting Company shall be empowered with qualified and timely deliverance of the allocated airtime to users.

4. Decision shall be enforced upon its publications.

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