

ELECTORAL LAW

Article 1.- The elections of the National Assembly shall take place on the last Sunday of the month in which the mandate of the deputies expires.

However, in case of dissolution of the Assembly, the elections should take place within a time limit of 120 days after the signing of the Royal Ordinance announcing this dissolution.

Article 2.- Are eligible to vote: all Lao nationals of both sexes, having completed 18 years of age and enjoying their civil and political rights without any distinction as to race and religion. In the case of any doubt as to the age of the voter, an attested affidavit shall have to be issued to him which will, to all intents and purposes, act as birth certificate. This document shall have to be signed by two witnesses and certified by the Phoban.

Article 3.- The Electoral Roll shall be prepared in each village by the Phoban. This Roll, drawn up under the conditions laid down in Article 18 below, shall consist of the citizens present in the village at the time of the drawing up of the Electoral Roll and fulfilling the conditions envisaged in Article 2 above. The candidates for deputyship shall also have the right to vote.

Article 4.- Are not inscribed on the Electoral Roll:

- 1) All religious persons;
- 2) The deaf and dumb and the blind;
- 3) Those adults not allowed to vote (those forbidden to vote and lunatics).

Article 5.- Do not participate in the vote: those undergoing a sentence of imprisonment.

Article 6.- Are eligible: all Lao nationals of both sexes who have completed 25 years of age, enjoying their civil and political rights and holding at least a "Certificat d'etude elementaire" (Elementary school certificate) or an equivalent certificate, retired army personnel from the rank of "Adjutant" (warrant officer) and registered traders.

The "Certificat d'etude elementaire" (Elementary school certificate) can be replaced by a certificate from the director of an official school certifying that the candidate has an equivalent general knowledge. The certificate delivered by the Pathet Lao Forces shall also be valid.

Article 7.- Are not eligible:

- 1) The Military, the Police, the Royal Guards who are in service.
- 2) Those persons suffering from contagious and incurable diseases or are opium addicts.
- 3) Those persons mentioned in Article 4 and those who have been sentenced by common law to an actual sentence of over 6 months and within the last five years.