

# EC RELEASES SH105B ALLOWANCES FOR ELECTION OFFICIALS

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The Electoral Commission has released sh105b in allowances for temporary staff who worked during the 2026 general election.

According to the commission secretary, Richard Baabo Kamugisha, the electoral body recruited 405,912 temporary election officials, who were deployed across 50,739 polling stations countrywide to manage different electoral activities during the 2026 general election.

"At each polling station, the commission deployed eight officials to oversee the electoral process," Kamugisha said.

He revealed that about sh79b has already been disbursed to beneficiaries through an e-cash platform managed by Stanbic Bank Uganda, with the money sent directly to the mobile phone numbers submitted by the officials during their applications.

Kamugisha told *New Vision* that payments are



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being processed in clusters, beginning with polling officials who oversaw the presidential and parliamentary elections held on January 15.

"This category of officials has already been paid through e-cash transfers from Stanbic Bank to their mobile phones," he said.

The second cluster involves polling officials who worked during the district local government council elections, including elections for district and city chairpersons, the Lord Mayor, mayors and

councillors, held on January 22. Their payments are still being processed.

The third cluster includes officials who conducted the municipality and city division chairperson and councillor elections held on January 27, while the fourth category consists of officials involved in the sub-county, town council and municipal division chairperson and councillor elections held on February 4.

Kamugisha said the remaining payments also include allowances for officials who participated in repeat elections.

"We have cleared about 77% of the payment so far. We are now processing payments for the other clusters that have not yet been paid. We are

## Breakdown of allowances

| 1. SUB-COUNTY SUPERVISORS              |                        |             |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| ACTIVITY                               | DESCRIPTION            | AMOUNT (SH) |
| Issuance of voter location slips       | Lunch and transport    | 140,000     |
| BVV system training (district level)   | Transport allowance    | 50,000      |
| Nominations and campaigns              | Safari day allowance   | 345,000     |
| Training of polling day officials      | Lunch and transport    | 20,000      |
| Polling day                            | Safari day allowance   | 57,500      |
| 2. PARISH SUPERVISORS                  |                        |             |
| ACTIVITY                               | DESCRIPTION            | AMOUNT (SH) |
| Issuance of voter location slips       | Lunch and transport    | 140,000     |
| Nominations and campaigns              | Safari day allowance   | 345,000     |
| Training of polling officials          | Lunch and transport    | 20,000      |
| Voter education                        | Transport facilitation | 40,000      |
| Polling day                            | Safari day allowance   | 57,000      |
| 3. POLLING DAY OFFICIALS (TRAINING)    |                        |             |
| ACTIVITY                               | DESCRIPTION            | AMOUNT (SH) |
| Training for general elections         | Lunch and transport    | 20,000      |
| 4. PRESIDING OFFICERS                  |                        |             |
| ACTIVITY                               | DESCRIPTION            | AMOUNT (SH) |
| BVV system training (district level)   | Transport              | 50,000      |
| BVV refresher training                 | Transport              | 50,000      |
| Presidential & Parliamentary elections | Election duty          | 100,000     |
| Local Council elections                | Election duty          | 100,000     |
| Municipal/City division elections      | Election duty          | 100,000     |

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------|
| Sub-county/Division/Town council elections                        | Election duty                               |        |
| 5. POLLING ASSISTANTS                                             |                                             |        |
| ELECTION CATEGORY                                                 |                                             |        |
| Presidential & Parliamentary elections                            |                                             |        |
| City, District, Municipal & Sub-county local government elections |                                             |        |
| 6. POLICE CONSTABLES (POLLING DAY)                                |                                             |        |
| ELECTION CATEGORY                                                 |                                             |        |
| Presidential & Parliamentary elections                            |                                             |        |
| City, District, Municipal & Sub-county elections                  |                                             |        |
| 7. BVVK OPERATORS                                                 |                                             |        |
| BVV training (district level)                                     | Transport & lunch                           |        |
| BVV refresher training                                            | Transport & lunch                           |        |
| Election duties (Presidential, Municipal & Sub-county elections)  | Paid via mobile money                       |        |
| 8. TALLY CLERKS                                                   |                                             |        |
| Training allowance                                                | Paid in cash                                |        |
| Election duty per election category                               |                                             |        |
| 9. SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP ELECTIONS                               |                                             |        |
| POSITION                                                          | ELECTION TYPE                               | AMOUNT |
| Presiding Officers                                                | Youth Council elections                     | 50,000 |
| Presiding Officers                                                | Persons with Disabilities council elections | 50,000 |

## ALLOWANCES

The commission also released a detailed breakdown of allowances for different categories of election officials. According to the breakdown, sub-county supervisors will receive several facilitation allowances.

On the payment of allowances for security officers, drivers and other officials who were co-opted during election, the EC chairperson, Justice Simon Byabakama, assured them that they will all be paid.

paying in batches because the process involves verification of beneficiaries. But I want to assure all those who worked that they will be paid," Kamugisha explained.

However, he noted that some payments have not been completed due to discrepancies in mobile phone details submitted by some officials.

According to the commission, in some cases, the mobile numbers provided do not match the corresponding names in the commission's database, resulting in bounced or delayed payments.

"I want to advise all affected officials, through their respective returning officers, to update and correct their details so that the payments can be

processed successfully," he said.

The commission also said that some officials who did not serve in subsequent ones, prompting returning officers to submit beneficiary lists, causing delays in payments.

Despite the delays affecting a small number of beneficiaries, Kamugisha assured that all temporary officials who served in the commission will honor their obligations.

He said the payments are part of the commission's broader effort to clear all election-related obligations following the 2026 general elections, one of the largest electoral exercises in the country's history.