

PUBLIC NOTICE

ACCREDITATION OF LOCAL AND FOREIGN JOURNALISTS PRACTISING IN KENYA

The Media Council of Kenya is an independent national body established by the Media Council Act, (No 46 of 2013) for purposes of setting media standards and ensuring compliance with those standards. The law requires the Council to accredit and maintain a register of local and foreign journalists and media enterprises and such other related registers as it may deem fit.

The Council therefore wishes to notify all local and foreign journalists and media practitioners practising in Kenya that they are required to seek accreditation through our online portal https://accreditation.mediacouncil.or.ke:882/

A valid Media Council of Kenya Press Card accords journalists and media practitioners the rights and privileges established in international law, treaties, the Kenyan Constitution (Article 33 and 34) and the Media Council Act, including the following:

- 1. Safety and protection while carrying out their journalistic duties;
- 2. Access to trainings offered by the Council; and
- 3. Access to press briefings by government and private sector organisations.

In addition, all local, foreign journalists and media practitioners wishing to cover the General Election will be required to have valid press cards from the Council before accessing accreditation from the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC).

Further, all support staff that will be accompanying local and foreign journalists and media practitioners during coverage of the elections will be required to have special passes that will be issued by the Council.

All enquiries regarding accreditation should be channeled through our email: <u>accreditation@mediacouncil.or.ke</u> or our hotline: 0110131447.

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