

tinuing candidate or candidates with the value of the papers transferred.

(2)—(a) The parcel containing original votes shall first be transferred, the transfer value of each paper being one hundred.

(b) The sub-parcels containing transferred votes shall then be transferred in the order in which and at the value at which the excluded candidate obtained them.

(3) In the transfer of each parcel or sub-parcel a separate sub-parcel shall be made of the non-transferable papers, which shall be set aside at the value at which the excluded candidate obtained them.

(4) If, when a candidate has to be excluded under this Rule, two or more candidates are each credited with the same value and are lowest, regard shall be had to the total value of original votes credited to each of those candidates, and the candidate with the smallest total value shall be excluded, and where the total values are equal, regard shall be had to the total value credited to those candidates at the earliest count at which they had unequal values, and the candidate with the smallest value at that count shall be excluded.

If two or more candidates are lowest and are each credited with the same value at all counts, the returning officer shall arrange the papers of such candidates according to the next available preferences recorded thereon for continuing candidates, including the candidates in question, and shall exclude that lowest candidate for whom the total value of the next available preferences expressed is smallest, and if the total values of next available preferences recorded for two or more of the candidates in question are then equal and smallest, the returning officer shall determine by lot as between the candidates last mentioned which candidate shall be excluded.

10. Whenever any transfer is made under any of the preceding Rules, each sub-parcel of papers transferred shall be placed on top of the parcel or sub-parcel, if any, of papers of the candidate to whom the transfer is made, and that candidate shall be credited with a value ascertained in pursuance of these Rules.

11.—(1) If at the end of any count the number of elected candidates is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, no further transfer shall be made.

(2)—(a) When the number of continuing candidates is equal to the number of vacancies remaining unfilled, the continuing candidates shall thereupon be deemed to be elected.

(b) When only one vacancy remains unfilled, and the value credited to some one continuing candidate exceeds the total of the values credited to the other continuing candidates, together with any surplus not transferred, that candidate shall thereupon be deemed to be elected.

(3) When the last vacancies can be filled under this Rule, no further transfer shall be made.

12. The returning officer shall record the total of the values credited to each candidate at the end of every count. Such record shall include—

(1) the value of the non-transferable papers not effective; and

(2) the loss of value owing to disregard of fractions;

and may be in accordance with the form set out in Part III. of this Schedule, or in a form to the like effect.

13. In these Rules—

(1) The expression "continuing candidate" means any candidate not deemed to be elected and not excluded.

(2) The expression "first preference" means the figure "1" standing alone, the expression "second preference" means the figure "2" standing alone in succession to the figure "1," and the expression "third preference" means the figure "3" standing alone in succession to the figures "1" and "2," set opposite the name of any candidate, and so on.

(3) The expression "next available preference" means a second or subsequent preference recorded in consecutive numerical order for a continuing candidate, the preferences next in order on the voting paper for candidates already deemed to be elected or excluded being ignored.

(4) The expression "transferable paper" means a voting paper on which, following a first preference, a second or subsequent preference is recorded in consecutive numerical order for a continuing candidate.

(5) The expression "non-transferable paper" means a voting paper on which no second or subsequent preference is recorded for a continuing candidate:

Provided that a paper shall be deemed to have become a non-transferable paper whenever—

(a) the names of two or more candidates (whether continuing or not) are marked with the same number and are next in order of preference; or

(b) the name of the candidate next in order of preference (whether continuing or not) is marked—

(i) by a number not following consecutively after some other number on the voting paper; or

(ii) by two or more numbers; or

(c) it is void for uncertainty.

(6) The expression "original vote" in regard to any candidate means a vote derived from a voting paper on which a first preference is recorded for that candidate.

(7) The expression "transferred vote" in regard to any candidate means a vote derived from a voting paper on which a second or subsequent preference is recorded for that candidate.

(8) The expression "surplus" means the number by which the total value of the votes, original and transferred, credited to any candidate exceeds the quota.

(9) The expression "count" means—

(a) all the operations involved in the counting of the first preferences recorded for candidates; or

(b) all the operations involved in the transfer of the surplus of an elected candidate; or