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ORDER No.	CEO-ORDER-2020-008
Date	October 5, 2020
Date Revised	N/App
Subject	Trainers – Authority to Administer Oaths and Declarations
Reference	Sections 9(7), 10(8), 12(11), 13(13) and 37(9) of <i>The Election Act, 1996</i>
Intent	To provide Field Trainers with the authority to administer oaths and declarations to election officials during required training sessions.

The Chief Electoral Officer has the authority, under section 7 of *The Election Act, 1996* (the *Act*) and section 2 of *The Election Act Regulations* (the *Regulations*) to declare that an emergency exists and that the *Act* does not provide adequate provision to respond to the emergency. These declarations are made through CEO Orders.

In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic occurring during the 29th Saskatchewan General Election it is necessary that changes be made to allow Trainers, as they are defined in the *Regulations*, to be able to administer any oaths or declarations required by the *Act*, the *Regulations* or organizational policy to other Election Officials, other than to a Returning Officer or Election Clerk (“Specified Election Officers”), that are required during Election Official training leading up to the election. Due to the pandemic and the need for increased physical distance between Election Officials, election training will not take place in the Returning Office. This means that the Specified Election Officers, who are provided with the authority to administer oaths and declarations under the *Act*, will not be present for Election Official training, which will be overseen by a dedicated Trainer.

The Chief Electoral Officer hereby declares that pursuant to section 7 of the *Act* and sections 2(2)(b) and (c) of the *Regulations* an emergency exists for which no adequate provision is made by the *Act* and in the opinion of the Chief Electoral Officer, it is necessary and advisable to do the things mentioned in section 7 of the *Act* to safely prepare for and conduct an election.

The Chief Electoral Officer further declares that, pursuant to section 7(1)(c) of the *Act* and section 2(2)(a) of the *Regulations*, the necessity of physical distancing as a result of the emergency is a circumstance for which no adequate provision is made by the *Act* because there is no adequate provision that would allow additional Election Officials, specifically Trainers, to administer oaths and declarations to Election Officials, other than to Specified Election Officers, as required by the *Act* or the *Regulations* or by organizational policy.



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Therefore, the Chief Electoral Officer hereby orders that a measure to be taken to allow Trainers to administer any oaths and declarations as required by the *Act* or the *Regulations* or by organizational policy to Election Officials, other than to Specified Election Officers, during Election Official training leading up to the election.

This order is in effect for Saskatchewan's 29th General Election, scheduled to be held pursuant to *The Legislative Assembly Act, 2007* section 8.1(1) on October 26, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Michael Boda'.

DR. MICHAEL BODA  
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER  
PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN  
OCTOBER 5, 2020