

# Elections Committee publishes voters' list for review and data verification

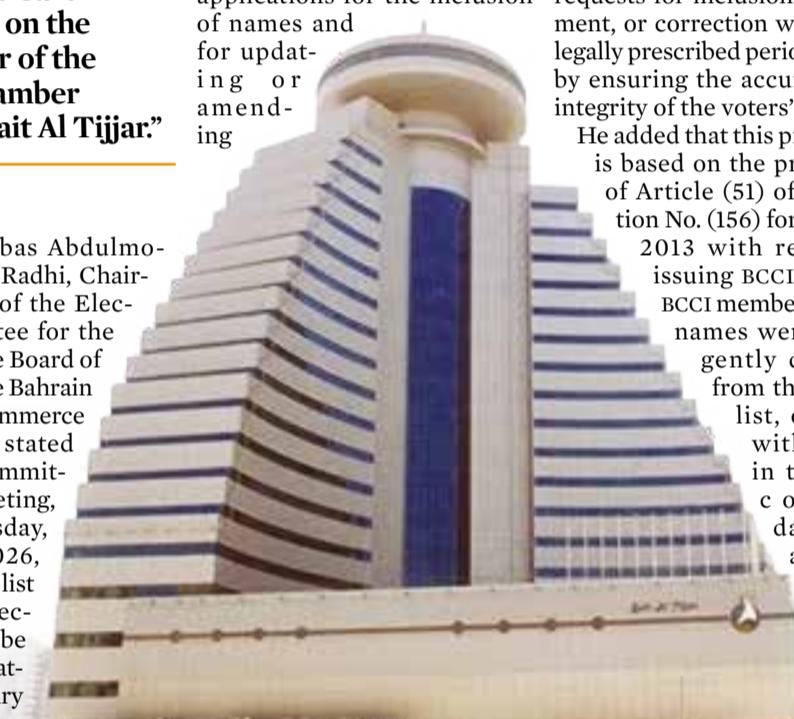
In Preparation for the Elections of the 31st session of BCCI's Board of Directors

● From Tuesday, 10 February 2026, until Tuesday, 10 March 2026, applications for the inclusion of names and for updating or amending data in the voters' list will be received

● Visit headquarters of the Client Care Directorate on the ground floor of the Bahrain Chamber building, "Bait Al Tijjar."

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Mr. Abbas Abdulmohsen Radhi, Chairman of the Elections Committee for the 31st term of the Board of Directors of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry, stated during the Committee's third meeting, held on Thursday, 5 February 2026, that the voters' list for the 31st electoral term will be published on Saturday, 7 February



2026.

This is to enable Chamber members to review the list and verify the accuracy of their data, in preparation for submitting requests to include names or to update and correct information, in accordance with the provisions of the Chamber's Law and its Executive Regulations.

## Bait Al Tijjar

Mr. Radhi clarified that, from Tuesday, 10 February 2026, until Tuesday, 10 March 2026, applications for the inclusion of names and for updating or amending

data in the voters' list will be received during official working hours, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the headquarters of the Client Care Directorate on the ground floor of the Bahrain Chamber building, "Bait Al Tijjar."

He noted that publishing the voters' list on the 7th of February, reflects the Elections Committee's keenness to provide Chamber members with the opportunity to review their data in advance and to submit requests for inclusion, amendment, or correction within the legally prescribed period, thereby ensuring the accuracy and integrity of the voters' list.

He added that this procedure is based on the provisions of Article (51) of Resolution No. (156) for the year 2013 with regard to issuing BCCI's bylaw. BCCI members whose names were negligently dropped from the voters' list, or those with errors in their recorded data, may appeal to the Elections Committee to have their names included and/or corrected to match their data in the Commercial Registration at the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism.

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The Chairman of the Committee called on Chamber members to review the voters' list and verify the inclusion of their names and the accuracy of their data, in preparation for submitting correction or update requests when necessary, in accordance with the legally specified procedures and deadlines.

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Mr. Radhi added that the Elections Committee will review the submitted applications and issue decisions thereon within a period not exceeding

one working day from the date of submission. The applicant will be notified of the Committee's decision by phone, fax, or email, and will be provided with an official notification signed by the Chairman of the Elections Committee.

He confirmed that the Committee will add the names of members who are proven to have the right to vote to the voters' list after completing the required procedures, urging all Chamber members to take the initiative to update their data within the specified period to ensure the smooth and easy exercise of their voting rights.

He also noted that representation of a member in the

voting process will be through the sole proprietor or the legal representative of the member company, in accordance with the capital registered in the Chamber's records and in line with the schedule annexed to the Chamber's Law.

The Chairman of the Elections Committee concluded his statement by affirming the Committee's commitment to applying the provisions of the law and the regulations governing the electoral process with full transparency and integrity, in a manner that enhances members' confidence and serves the public interest of the commercial and industrial sectors in the Kingdom of Bahrain.



## Announcement

Submitting Applications for Insertion in Voters' List and of Data Amendment for the Elections of the 31<sup>st</sup> session of BCCI's Board of Directors

The Election Committee for the 31<sup>st</sup> session of the Board of Directors of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) declares receiving applications for insertion in the voters' list and data amendment from Tuesday 10th February 2026 until Tuesday 10th March 2026 from 8.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. in the headquarters of the Client Care Directorate on the ground floor of Bahrain Chamber's Building "Bait Al Tijjar".

According to Article (51) of Resolution No. (156) for the year 2013 with regard to issuing BCCI's bylaw, BCCI members whose names were negligently dropped from the voters' list or those with errors in their recorded data, may appeal to the Elections Committee to have their names included and/or corrected to match their data in the Commercial Registration at the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism. The amendment application should be submitted two days prior to the date of applying for BCCI Board of Directors' candidacy. The Elections Committee reviews all the applications within a maximum of one day from the date of application submission, includes the names of the members in the voters' list as per its assessment, and hereafter informs the member of its decision by phone, Fax or E-mail. The owner of a sole proprietorship or the legal representative of the member company should represent the member in the voting process according to its issued capital registered in BCCI records as per the schedule attached to the Chamber's Law.

# VAT haul grows past BD 600m on trade activity

Trade and services drive steady growth in tax receipts

● Wholesale and retail trade, along with financial services, hospitality and communications, generated the largest share of revenue

● Healthcare, education, basic food items and real estate remain zero-rated or exempt from VAT

● The data was disclosed in a parliamentary reply to MP Abdulwahid Qarata

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Annual VAT collections rose by around 10.2%



Abdulwahid Qarata, MP

to BD 603m in 2024, from BD 547m in 2022, according to figures released by the National Bureau for Revenue (NBR).

The data was disclosed in a parliamentary reply to MP Abdulwahid Qarata.

The bureau said VAT in Bahrain is administered through a fully digital system, covering registration, return filing and payments.

The largest share of VAT revenue came from the wholesale and retail trade sector, followed by financial and insurance activities, accommodation and food services, information and

communications, professional, scientific and technical activities, and administrative and support services.

The NBR noted that several sectors are zero-rated, including healthcare services, medicines and medical equipment, education, domestic and international transport, and services related to the construction of new properties. Many basic food items also fall under the zero-rated category.

It added that the sale and lease of residential and commercial real estate are exempt from VAT, while sovereign government services provided by state entities fall outside the scope of the tax.

Examples of zero-rated or exempt items include 94 basic food products, healthcare and education services, medicines and medical equipment, construction services for new properties, the sale and lease of homes and commercial units, precious stones, investment-grade gold, silver and platinum, core financial services, oil and natural gas, and local and international transport.

To view the voters' list, And to get the application form for insertion in the voters' list and modification of data, please Scan the QR :

