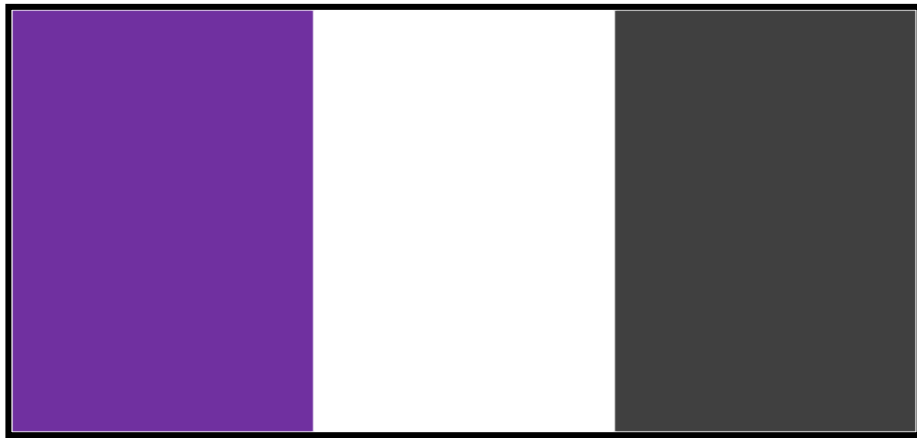


# Constitution of the Federal Republic of Bloom



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# Article I - Citizenship

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## 1.1. Definition

A citizen is defined as someone who has been granted citizenship by the government.

Citizenship is only valid once it is ratified by registering to vote for the first time.

## 1.2. Revocation

Citizenship can only be revoked if a category 3 crime has been repeatedly committed or if a category 4 crime has committed in accordance with the Bloom criminal code. Following this only a unanimous vote by the High Court can strip them of their citizenship. Citizens are entitled to appeal this decision to the National Council and must appeal while outside of Bloom.

Dual citizenship is not allowed and citizens who become citizens of another nation are assumed to have renounced their citizenship.

Citizens can voluntarily renounce their citizenship.

Citizenship cannot be revoked for being inactive.

## 1.3. Registering to vote

In order to be able to participate in elections, citizens must register to vote. Only those who have been granted citizenship may register to vote.

To register, voters must stand in front of the registration board and take a screenshot of themselves next to the date sign. This must then be posted in the #register-to-vote section of the Bloom discord. The date on the sign is changed at the start of each week.

Registration must be renewed every 30 days and citizens should be notified when their registration runs out.

Citizens who try to register after voting opens for an election will not be eligible to vote.

## **1.4. Dual Citizenship**

Citizens of Bloom can submit an application to the Foreign Office for permission to become a dual citizen in another nation.

To be considered for dual citizenship, a citizen must have been registered to vote for at least 60 days and has to be deemed an active member of the community by the Foreign Secretary.

Citizens of foreign nations cannot become dual citizens in Bloom.

# **Article II - National Council of Bloom**

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## **Election**

### **2.1. Council Members**

Council Members are democratically elected by the citizens of Bloom using the STV voting system via the website <https://paul-lockett.co.uk/stv.html>.

There are 7 seats on the National Council.

### **2.2. Prime Minister**

The Prime Minister must be a Council Member and shall be someone who is deemed to have the confidence of the National Council and so they shall be elected by their fellow Council Members at the start of each term.

Each Council Member may only vote for 1 candidate. Following the announcement of the results newly elected candidates have 24 hours to declare their candidacy for the position of Prime Minister. After the nominative election begins no new candidates may join.

The Prime Minister nominative election shall have as many rounds as are required until only 2 candidates remain or one candidate has secured over 50% of the vote in the National Council. Each round lasts 24 hours, the candidate with the least amount of votes is removed at the end of the round.

Council Members may vote RON (Re-open nominations) during Prime Minister elections. If RON gets over 50% of the vote then the process

resets and all Council Members get a chance to run for Prime Minister again.

If after 7 days from the end of the first round no one has been elected Prime Minister then the National Council is automatically dissolved and a new election is held for the following Thursday. The incumbent or acting Prime Minister remains in place until this time.

### **2.3. Council term**

Each Council shall last no more than 10 weeks (roughly 2 months). The National Council may call a vote to dissolve itself and have an early election if there is a simple majority.

### **2.4. Election process**

Only citizens who have registered to vote can participate in elections.

After the 72 hour campaign period is over there are 72 hours of voting where eligible voters cast their ballot. During this time new candidates may still join.

Votes must be cast using a google form which requires voters to enter their in game name and their discord name as verification.

### **2.5. Vacancies**

If there is a vacant seat (or seats) in the National Council then within 14 days of that vacancy the Electoral Commission must schedule a by-election for that seat(s). If no date for the election is scheduled then on the 14th day voting starts.

There must be at least 2 days between the vacancy and the start of voting so that residents have time to decide if they wish to be a candidate.

Voting in a by-election only lasts 2 days.

If there is only 1 seat then voters should still rank the candidates.

## **Duties**

### **2.6. Laws**

It is the role of the National Council to create and vote on new bills which if they receive a simple but clear majority will become law

## **2.7. Motions**

The National Council also has the power to create and vote for 'motions'. Not all motions will have any immediate or legal effect and may simply be used to signal the National Council's opinion on an issue.

## **2.8. Procedure**

Voting on all bills and motions will only last 48 hours. Voting on all constitutional amendments will last 72 hours. No extension may be granted.

No bills or motions may be introduced when there is an ongoing general election. Furthermore, no bills or motions may be introduced until the conclusion of the Prime Minister election. This does not apply to by-elections.

Regular bills and motions require a minimum of 3 Council Members participating to be valid, constitutional changes require a minimum of 5 Council Members.

## **2.9. Constitutional Amendments**

All constitutional amendments require a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority to pass.

Bills or motions which conflict with the constitution are invalid unless proposed as an amendment that meets the voting requirements.

## **2.10. War**

A formal declaration of war may only be made with a simple majority in the National Council.

## Dismissal

### 2.11. Council Members

Council Members may be impeached by the National Council for abuse of power, corruption or a category 3 crime if charged by the High Court. An impeachment vote requires a simple majority to pass and must last 48 hours.

Council Members may also resign voluntarily by announcing it on discord.

Council Members may be recalled if 25% of current voters sign a petition. This must be given to a High Court judge who must then verify it's validity. If valid the President must schedule a by-election for that seat within 14 days. Though it is not vacant, the Council Member retains their seat until the results of the by-election.

Council Members are automatically dismissed from the National Council for dereliction of duty if their rate of attendance regarding voting on bills and motions drops below 30%. This rule only applies after they have been present for at least 4 votes in the National Council.

~~Council Members are automatically dismissed from the National Council if they are found to hold citizenship or dual citizenship within another nation.~~