

## PUBLIC NOTICE

# NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 2019 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY



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Chairperson: Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN)

The Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) herewith informs the public that the period of Submission of Nominations of candidates for the 2019 Presidential elections and members of the National Assembly will commence from the 1st -18th October 2019. The submissions for the nominations of candidates for the Presidential elections as well as members of the National Assembly is governed by Sections 72, 73 and 77 of the Electoral Act, Act 5 of 2014.

In terms of Section 64 (1)(a) (i) of the Electoral Act, a proclamation will be published in the Government Gazette on the 30th of September 2019 announcing the publication of the nomination period by the President.

The 18th of October 2019 has been determined as the date on which the Commission receives the submission of nominations of candidates for election to the Office of the President and members of the National Assembly at a sitting by the Commission at a venue to be announced.

The date determined for the submission of nominations in the case of Independent candidates is 16th October 2019.

Registered political parties planning to take part in the National Assembly elections must submit their list of candidates to the Commission to ensure compliance with the relevant Sections of the Electoral Act. The minimum number of candidates which may be nominated is 32 and the maximum number is 96. The candidate lists must be submitted in writing and may be done in writing as of the 1st of October 2019 at the ECN Headquarters in Windhoek.

Against this background, below is the detailed requirements for nomination as a candidate for the Presidential elections and members of the National Assembly:

**Requirements for nomination as candidate for the 2019 Presidential elections are as follows:**

**A. Any candidate for Presidential Election in Namibia is required to be:**

1. A Namibian Citizen by birth, decent, over the age of thirty-five (35) years;
2. A registered voter;
3. Nominated either -
  - i. As a representative of a registered political party; or
  - ii. As an independent candidate whose nomination is supported by at least 500 registered voters per region

**B. Submission of Nominations as candidates for the Presidential Election shall be made on a PRESCRIBED NOMINATION form FORM 17 – Parts A, B and D shall be fully completed by political parties, while Independent Candidates required to complete Parts A, C, D and E of FORM 17.**

- a) In the case of a candidate nominated by a political party, duly signed by the authorized representative of the political party, or any office bearer of such political party authorized in writing by the authorized representative and stamped with the seal of the political party.
- b) In the case of an independent candidate, duly signed by any two persons whose names appear on the list as required under section 73 (4)(d) (ii) of 500 registered voters per region who support the nomination of such person (Part E of Nomination form).
- c) That the nomination shall be accompanied by a photo of candidate in the form and colours as may be acceptable to the Chairperson of the Commission, but subject to any requirements laid down by the Commission.
- d) That every candidate consents to the nomination by any instrument in writing before the close of sitting (Part D of Form 17).
- e) In the case of a nomination by a political party such nomination should be accompanied by:
  - i) a COPY OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE OF THE POLITICAL PARTY certified by justice of the peace or Commissioner of oath.
  - ii) a RECEIPT OF AN AMOUNT OF N\$20, 000 has been deposited with state revenue fund by or on behalf of the political party concerned.
- f) In the case of a nomination as an independent candidate:
  - i. Such nomination is accompanied by a RECEIPT THAT AN AMOUNT OF N\$10, 000 has been deposited in the State Revenue

- ii. That a LIST OF 500 REGISTERED VOTERS PER REGION is submitted to the Chairperson of the Electoral Commission not later than 16h00 in the afternoon of the second day before nomination, containing the names, voters' registration numbers and residential addresses of, and signed by, the persons supporting the nomination of such a candidate, and none of whom has already signed in support of any other candidate in respect of the election concerned.

**C. In terms of the submissions of nominated candidates for both the Presidential and National Assembly candidates a proclamation will be published in the Government Gazette on 30th September 2019 and submissions must be made during the period of 1-18 October 2019.**

- A public sitting, by the Chairperson of the Commission, for the submission of nominated candidates for Presidential Election shall take place on 18 October 2019 from 09h00 to 11h00 at a venue to be announced.
- A public sitting, by the Commission, for the submission of lists of nominated candidates for the National Assembly Election shall take place on 18 October 2019 from 09h00 to 11h00 at a venue to be announced.

**NB: No candidate for the said election shall be regarded as having been duly nominated, unless; in the case of a candidate nominated by a political party, the nomination is made on Form 17 and duly signed by the authorized representative or any other office bearer of the political party authorized thereto in writing by the authorised representative.**

**Requirements for Nomination as a candidate for the National Assembly elections as per section 77 of the Electoral Act, Act 5 of 2014.**

**A. A registered political party that intends to take part in the election for members of the National Assembly is required to submit to the Commission:**

1. A list of candidates, in writing, containing the names, the sex, voters' registration numbers and residential addresses of at least 32, but not more than 96 candidates.
2. The names on a list of candidates must appear in the order as the registered political party may determine with a view to paragraph (4) of the Schedule 4 to the Namibian Constitution.
3. A person may only be nominated as candidate on a list of candidates if the person:
  - i. Qualifies to be elected as a member of the National Assembly by virtue of Article 46(1)(a) of the Namibian Constitution.
  - ii. Is a registered voter;

- iii. Is a member of the registered political party submitting the list of candidates concerned.

**B. Submission of Nomination of candidates for National Assembly Election shall be made on the PRESCRIBED NOMINATION form, FORM 18. Both parts A and B shall be fully completed.**

- a) The prescribed nomination form shall be accompanied by –
  - i. A COPY OF THE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE OF THE POLITICAL PARTY, certified as such by a justice of the peace or a commissioner of oaths; and
  - ii. A PHOTO OF THE HEAD OF THE POLITICAL PARTY concerned, in the form and of the colours as may be acceptable to the Commission.

**C. In terms of the submissions of nominated candidates for both the Presidential and National Assembly candidates, a proclamation will be published in the Government Gazette on 30th September 2019 and submissions must be made during the period of 01-18 October 2019.**

- i. A public sitting, by the Chairperson of the Commission, for the submission of nominated candidates for Presidential Election shall take place on 18 October 2019 from 09h00 to 11h00 at a venue to be announced.
- ii. A public sitting, by the Commission, for the submission of lists of nominated candidates for the National Assembly Election shall take place on 18 October 2019 from 09h00 to 11h00 at a venue to be announced.

**NB: No candidate for the said election shall be regarded as having been duly nominated, unless; in the case of a candidate nominated by a political party, the nomination is made on Elect 18 and duly signed by the authorized representative.**

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**INVITATION TO AN INFORMATION SESSION:**

**In view of the above, the Commission would like to extend an invitation to the representatives of prospective Presidential candidates and Political Parties for an information session that will take place on the 1st of October 2019 at 09h00 at the ECN Headquarters, Main Boardroom, 2nd Floor, 67-71 Van Rhijn Street, Windhoek North, Windhoek.**