



Electoral Commission of Namibia

GUIDELINES ON REQUIREMENTS FOR NOMINATION

A. LOCAL AUTHORITY ELECTION

1. In the case of a Political Party/Association/Organization. The submission of candidates shall be made on the prescribed FORM 22. Both Parts A and B shall be fully completed by Political Parties, Association or Organizations whereby:

1.1 Candidates should have reached the age of twenty-one (21) years of age in order to be elected to public office – Article 17 (2) Namibian Constitution;

1.2 A member of the political party/association/organization for which candidate is nominated, proof of membership or sworn declaration by authorized representative of political party/association/organization should accompany application;

1.3 Candidate qualifying to be elected as a member should be in compliance of Article 47(1) (a) to (d) of the Namibian Constitution;

1.4 All listed candidates are registered voters for the local authority council concerned in terms of Section 7 (1) (a) of the Local Authorities Act where names shall be verified against local authority voters register.

1.5 Completion in full & abbreviation of Name of Political Party or Association/Organization, Local Authority Area should be maintained – **(PART A)**;

1.6 A list containing the names, voter registration number, residential address, signature and sex of candidates - **(PART A)**;

1.7 The list is numbering not less than the number of members required to fill the seats in the local authority council concerned **(PART A)** – appearing in the order as the political

party/association/organization may determine. Accompanied by a list of five (5) names, registration numbers & residential addresses in addition thereto;

1.7.1 Party list shall contain in terms of Section 6(4) (a) & (b) of the Local Authorities Act:

1.7.1.1 in the case of municipal/town/village council **consisting of 10 or fewer members** – the names of **at least (3) female persons**;

1.7.1.2 in the case of a municipal or town council **consisting of 11 or more members** – the names of **at least five (5) female persons**;

1.7.1.3 Certified copy of **REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE** of the registered political party or association/organization;

1.7.1.4 **2 x (passport-sized)** photos of the head of the registered political party or registered association/organization concerned, in form and colour as may be acceptable to the returning officer, but subject to any requirements laid down by the Commission. *Passport photos should be in full colour and the name of the head of the political party/association/organization clearly marked on the back of the photo in such a manner that it does not reflect through on the face of the photo. Photos should be placed in a passport sized envelope, clearly marked with the name of the political party/association/organization and the envelope should be stapled to the application form.*

B. REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTION

2. The submission of nomination of candidates should be made in the prescribed **FORM 21** whereby:

2.1 In the Case of a Political Party;

2.1.1 **Parts A, B, D** shall be fully completed by Political Parties

2.1.2 Candidates should have reached the age of twenty-one (21) years in order to be elected to public office (Article 17 (2) of the Namibian Constitution);

2.1.3 Is nominated as a member of a registered political party;

2.1.4 Candidate is registered as a voter for an election for members of Regional Council;

2.1.5 A person qualifies to be elected as a member of the National Council in terms of Article 72 read together with Article 47(1) (a) to (e) of the Namibian Constitution;

- 2.1.6 Is ordinary resident within the constituency for which he/she is elected, or if not resident at the time of election, becomes an ordinary resident within a period of three months as from the date of election as a member of the Regional Council (Section 6 of the Regional Councils Act);
- 2.1.7 Person may not be nominated as a candidate in more than one constituency;
- 2.1.8 Completion of particulars of candidate - **PART A**;
- 2.1.9 Duly signed by the person who is the authorized representative of the political party or any office-bearer of the political party authorized thereto in writing by the authorized representative and stamped with the seal of the political party-**PART B**;
- 2.1.10 Candidate consents to the nomination - **PART D**;
- 2.2 2 x (passport sized) photos of the candidate, in form and colour as may be acceptable to the returning officer, but subject to any requirements laid down by the Commission. *Passport photos should be in full colour and the name of the head of the political party/association/organization clearly marked on the back of the photo in such a manner that it does not reflect through on the face of the photo. Photos should be placed in a passport sized envelope, clearly marked with the name of the candidate and the envelope should be stapled to the application form.*
- 2.2.1 An original **RECEIPT** indicating that an amount of N\$2,500-00 has been deposited with the State Revenue Fund;
- 2.2.2 Certified copy of **REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE** of political party is attached;

2.3 In the case of an Independent Candidate;

- 2.3.1 **Parts A, C, D and E** are applicable;
- 2.3.2 Candidates should have reached the age of twenty-one years in order to be elected to public office (Article 17 (2) of the Namibian Constitution);
- 2.3.3 A person is nominated as an independent candidate whose nomination is supported by at least **150 registered voters in the constituency for which the nomination is intended - PART E**;
- 2.3.4 Candidate is registered as a voter for an election for members of the Regional Councils;
- 2.3.5 A person qualifies to be elected as a member of the National Council in terms of Article 72 read together with Article 47(1) (a) to (e) of the Namibian Constitution;

- 2.3.6 Is ordinary resident within the constituency for which he/she is elected, or if not resident at the time of election, becomes an ordinary resident within a period of three months as from the date of election as a member of the Regional Council (Section 6 of the Regional Councils Act);
- 2.3.7 A person may not be nominated as a candidate in more than one constituency;
- 2.3.8 Completion of particulars of candidate - **PART A**;
- 2.3.9 **PART C** - Duly signed by any two persons whose name appear in the list of **PART E** of **FORM 21**.
- 2.3.10 Candidate consents to the nomination - **PART D**;
- 2.3.11 2 x (passport sized) photos of the candidate, in form and colour as may be acceptable to the returning officer, but subject to any requirements laid down by the Commission. *Passport photos should be in full colour and the name of the head of the political party/association/organization clearly marked on the back of the photo in such a manner that it does not reflect through on the face of the photo. Photos should be placed in a passport size envelope and clearly marked with the name of the candidate and the envelope should be stapled to the application form.*
- 2.3.12 An original **RECEIPT** indicating that an amount of N\$2,500-00 has been deposited with the State Revenue Fund;
- 2.4 Submission of Nomination Forms may be submitted to Returning Officers for a constituency or local authority area at any time from 29th September 2020 between 08h00 – 17h00 weekdays at the venues indicated by Proclamation by H.E. the President. The last date for submission of nomination of candidates in the case of **independent candidates is 14th October 2020 at 16h00**. While the last date for submission of nomination in the case of **political parties/associations/organizations is the 16th October 2020 at 11h00**.
- 2.5 Political parties/organizations/associations and independent candidates are urged to collect and return the nomination forms well in advance in order to allow ample time for verification process.
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