

MEDIA RELEASE

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Attention: News/Managing Editors
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REQUIREMENTS FOR NOMINATIONS OF INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES FOR THE 2025 REGIONAL COUNCILS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES' ELECTIONS

1. The Commission wishes to provide important information regarding the nomination process for all aspiring Independent Candidates (ICs) who wants to contest in the upcoming Regional Council Elections scheduled for 26 November 2025.
2. **Nomination Timelines**
 - 2.1 As outlined in the 2025 Electoral Calendar, the nomination period is scheduled to commence on the **26 September 2025**. All aspiring ICs can commence with submission of nominations on this day. The last day for ICs nominations is the **14 October 2025**.
3. **Submissions of Nominations**
 - 3.1 All nomination submissions must be uploaded on the ECN Political Party and Candidate Management Portal (PPCM) via <https://ppcm.ecn.na>
 - 3.2 The IC must designate two persons from his/her list of supporters as outlined in section 79(1)(ii) of the Electoral Act 5 of 2014, to sign the nomination **Form 21** on his/her behalf.
 - 3.3 The ICs must be registered with the ECN in order to be issued with an access password to log into the system.
 - 3.4 The portal will only go live from **26 September 2025** and close on **14 October 2025 at 16h00**. No submissions can be made prior to opening and after closing date.
 - 3.5 To provide the necessary support, a help desk will be established at the ECN Head Office to assist Independent Candidates with any technical challenges pertaining to the submissions of their nominations. The candidate nomination help desk contact details is: ppcmhelpdesk@ecn.na or 061-376200. Returning Officers in all the constituencies will further be of assistance to ICs and their nominating persons.
4. **Legal Requirements**
 - 4.1 All nominations must be submitted in accordance with the provisions outlined in the Electoral Act, Regulations on Nominations and these guidelines.

4.2 Non-adherence to the legal framework may result in the non-acceptance or rejection of nominations, which could ultimately affect a candidates' eligibility to contest in the elections.

4.3 The Commission has a legal obligation to enforce these requirements fairly and uniformly.

4.4 Candidates for Regional Councils elections must observe the following requirements:

4.4.1 Requirements for nomination of independent candidates for Regional Councils elections

- (a) The candidate must be a registered voter.
- (b) The Nominators of ICs must first upload the list of registered voters (150 supporters) who are supporting the candidature of IC by providing their names, voter registration with the Returning officers of the respective constituencies of the Candidates);
- (c) None of supporters should have already signed a declaration in support of any other candidate in respect of the election concerned.
- (d) Must complete Parts A, B (iii) only), and C fully online through **Form 21**.
- (e) Nominators shall ensure that no candidate is nominated unless such candidate has complied with Articles 17(2), which provides that the candidate should have reached the age of twenty-one (21) years in order to be elected to public office.
- (f) The Candidate qualifies to be elected as a member of the National Council in terms of Article 72 read together with Article 47(1) (a–e) of the Namibian Constitution.
- (g) The candidate must be ordinarily resident within the constituency for which he/she is elected or if such person is not so resident at the time of his/her election, must become so ordinarily resident within a period of three months as from the date of his/her election as provided for in terms of Section 6 of the Regional Councils Act.
- (h) The nomination must be submitted on the PPCM portal, through completion of **Form 21** electronically, signed and uploaded on the portal with the necessary supporting documents.
- (i) **Form 21** must be signed by the two nominators of the IC;
- (j) A non-refundable fee of N\$2,500 must be paid into State Revenue Account, with the details of Account Number be stated as follows:
 - (a) *Account Name: State Account*
 - (b) *Bank Name: Bank of Namibia*
 - (c) *Account Number: 165003*
 - (d) *Reference: 28 (Name of political party or organisation)*
- (k) The candidate must consent to the nomination by completing **Part D of Form 21**.
- (l) A passport photo of the candidate must be uploaded. The photo must be in the dimensions 37 x 52mm, a clear background with no shadows, full colour and no edits. The picture should be recent, i.e. taken in the last six months and must be uploaded in JPEG format.
- (m) Candidate or their nominators must be present at the nomination venue on **16 October 2025**, if had successfully submitted their nomination documents.

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