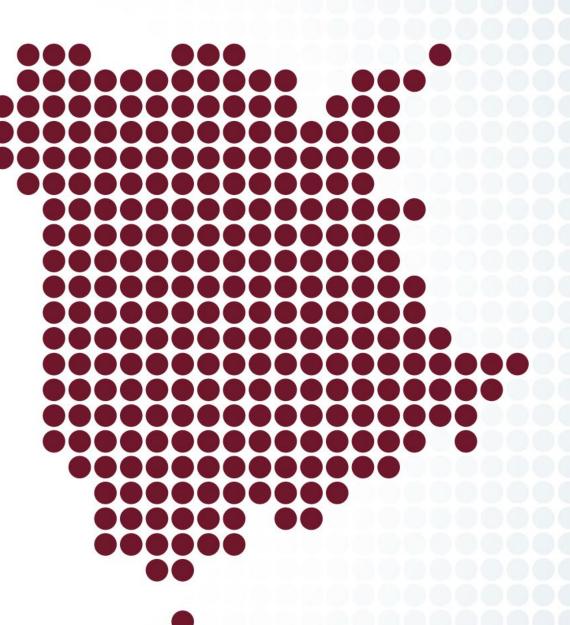


Provincial Election Candidates

Provincial Elections



Eligibility

- To be a candidate, a person must be:
 - 18 years of age on or before election day;
 - a Canadian citizen;
 - a resident of the <u>Province</u> for at least 40 days immediately preceding the date of the election; and
 - ordinarily resident in an electoral district on the date of the election (but not necessarily the district for which one is a candidate).



Eligibility

- A mayor or councillor of a municipality <u>may</u> be a candidate, but if elected, must resign the municipal office before becoming a member of the Legislative Assembly.
- The following persons may not be a candidate in an election:
 - Judges.
 - Persons who are disqualified from voting under any law relating to the disqualification of electors for corrupt or illegal practices.
 - Election officers.
- Special circumstances for federal or provincial employees.



Candidate Nomination Process

- <u>Different</u> than the nomination contestant processes managed by parties.
- The process to officially register with Elections NB as a candidate in an election can only be initiated <u>after the writ of election</u> is issued by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.
- Prior to the issuing of a writ of election, an individual who has been selected as the candidate of a political party may begin to present themselves to the public as a candidate for an upcoming election.



Candidate Nomination Process

- Nomination Papers
 - www.electionsnb.ca
 - Resources → Forms →
 P 04 001 Nomination Paper
- CEO Directives explain procedures.
 - www.electionsnb.ca
 - Resources → Directives and Instructions →
 Chief Electoral Officer Directives for the Nomination of Candidates



- Must be completed and returned to the Returning Officer for the appropriate electoral district any time between the date of the proclamation following the Writ and 2:00 p.m. on Nomination Day:
 - General Elections:
 - Tuesday, D-20, October 1, 2024



- Part A: Candidate information
 - If a candidate lives in another electoral district, they will have to be moved on the List of Electors to an address in the electoral district in order to vote for themselves.
 - Discuss the matter with the returning officer.



Part B: Attachments:

- Deposit of \$100 in cash or a certified cheque made payable to the Minister of Finance; and
- A candidate of a recognized party must include a certificate, signed by the leader of such party in the presence of two witnesses, declaring that they are an official candidate of the party.
 - May use a letter **or** a P 04 002, Leader's Certificate
 - www.electionsnb.ca
 - Resources → Forms →
 P 04 002, Leader's Certificate



- Part C: Designation of "official agent"
 - Official agent to authorize all election expenses of the candidate
 - Confirms or changes an **electoral district agent**, if any, previously appointed by the party's chief agent
- Part D: Consent of candidate to be nominated and designation of "agent" to whom copies of the lists of electors are to be provided
 - Candidate's signature
 - Witness to consent of candidate



- Part E: Affidavit of witness to consent of candidate:
 - Signature of witness to consent of candidate
 - Commissioner of Oaths
 - Lawyers; and
 - SNB locations.



Part F: Nominators:

- signatures of at least 25 electors qualified to vote in the electoral district for which the candidate is nominated.
- an elector may only sign the nomination paper of one candidate.
- a witness must be present when a nominator signs this form.
- the witness to a nominator's signature must complete the affidavit.
- if more than one witness obtains nominator signatures, each witness must complete a separate affidavit.



- Part F: Affidavit of witness to the nominator signatures
 - Signature of Witness to Nominator Signatures
 - Commissioner of Oaths
 - Lawyers; and
 - SNB locations.



- Returning Officer or Election Clerk may accept nomination papers
 - A nomination is complete when the Returning Officer issues the P 04 003, Returning Officer's Official Deposit Receipt, to the person who paid the deposit.
 - A receipt may only be issued after all other nomination steps have been taken.



Withdrawal of a Candidate

Withdrawal of a Candidate:

- Not later than 10:00 a.m. on:
 - Saturday, D-2, October 19, 2024
- Must give RO a written statement that they are withdrawing as a candidate, signed by the candidate and two witnesses who are qualified voters in the electoral district.
- Each polling station will post a notice of the withdrawal.



Death/Acclamation of a candidate

Death of a nominated candidate:

- Advise Elections NB immediately
- Election is countermanded in the electoral district

Acclamations:

- Contest not required
- RO declares candidate elected
- Returns Writ of Election



Questions?



