




II. Candidates



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Eligibility

To be a candidate, a person must be:

- 18 years of age on or before ordinary polling day;
- a Canadian citizen;
- a resident of the province 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 electoral district for which one is a candidate).



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Eligibility (cont'd)


A mayor or councillor of a municipality may be a candidate

- 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; and
- Election officers

Special circumstances for federal or provincial employees




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Candidate Nomination Process

Different than the nomination contestant process managed by parties

Prior to the issuing of a writ of election, an individual who has been selected as the candidate of a political party, or has registered as an independent candidate, may begin to present themselves to the public as a candidate for an upcoming election

The process to officially register with Elections NB as a candidate in an election can only be initiated after the writ of election is issued by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council



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Candidate Nomination Process (cont'd)

Nomination Paper


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



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Nomination Papers

Nomination paper 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



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Nomination Papers (cont'd)

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



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