

Provincial Election Candidates

Provincial Elections

(2024-03-28)



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 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 district for which one is a candidate).

Eligibility

- A mayor or councillor of a municipality may 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

- **Different** 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 **after the writ of election** 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

Nomination Papers

- **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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- **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.

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- **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

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- **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

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

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- **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.

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 - Signature of Witness to Nominator Signatures
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- **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 ?