

Nomination Contestants

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To Whom These Rules Apply

An individual **seeking** the nomination as an official candidate of a registered political party (a “party”) in an electoral district must complete the registration process

An individual who is uncontested in a nomination contest in an electoral district and is **elected by acclamation** as the party’s candidate is still considered a nomination contestant and must complete the registration process

An individual who is **appointed** as a candidate of a party without there being a nomination contest is not considered to be a nomination contestant and is not required to register

Registration Process

Individual **decides** to seek the nomination as a candidate

- At this point in time, they become a nomination contestant
- Must immediately designate an official representative to record all contributions, financing, and expenditures for their campaign
 - May act as their own official representative
- Complete Parts A to D of the form “Application for Registration as a Leadership Contestant or Nomination Contestant” (P 04 843)
- Forward application form to the party

Registration Process (cont'd)

Party vets and **accepts** individual as a nomination contestant

- An authorized officer of the party submits the registration form to Elections New Brunswick

Chief Electoral Officer registers the contestant and posts online in the *Consolidated Registry of Political Entities*

www.electionsnb.ca

- Political Parties / District Associations / Third Parties → Registries of Political Entities → Consolidated Registry of Political Entities

Nomination Convention

Following the convention, an authorized officer of the party completes the form “Certificate of Nomination Convention” (P 04 847)

- Date and location of convention
- Contestants who stood for nomination
- Individuals who withdrew as contestants
- Individual elected as the candidate of the party

Party submits certificate to Elections NB

Financial Rules

Contribution and financing limit of \$3,000 per individual supporter, including contestant

- No provincial tax credit

Financial institutions may finance > \$3,000 if fully secured by guarantees made by individuals

No spending limit on expenditures

Funds may not be transferred to party or district association

Any surplus funds shall be distributed to:

- the persons who made the contributions, or
- to any other person for any purpose approved by the Elections NB

Financial Reporting

Official representative required to file sworn financial return

- Usually a one-page return since contestants historically receive \$2,000 or less in financial support

If any liabilities or any surplus are reported, supplementary financial returns required every six months thereafter (up to three) until additional contributions are collected and liabilities are paid off or surplus is distributed

If liabilities remain outstanding on the final financial return, the sum of the liabilities and any contributions made by the contestant must not exceed \$3,000

- If the sum exceeds the limit without a reasonable excuse, the contestant has committed a serious offence and may be subject to prosecution

Questions?

