

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).

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

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

Candidate Nomination Process (cont'd)

Nomination Paper

www.electionsnb.ca

- Resources → Forms → P 04 001 Nomination Paper

CEO Directives explain procedures

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- Resources → Directives and Instructions →
Chief Electoral Officer Directives for the Nomination of Candidates

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

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