

## What Is The First Step You Must Take?

If at the close of nominations the Returning Officer has only received your nomination paper, you will be declared elected. The Returning Officer must notify you within 48 hours using a prescribed form.

## What About Campaign Financing, Election Contributions, Expenses & Reimbursements?

This is a very important area for all candidates. Please consult the Elections Act Part III at S.269 for a more detailed explanation of all aspects of election financing and/or consult the Director of Election Finance at the Chief Electoral Office.

## If You Are Elected...

You will officially become a Member of the House of Assembly and be sworn in as a Member for the electoral district for which you successfully ran at a ceremony to be determined at a later date.

Voting  
It's Simple, Secret And  
It Counts!

## Elections Newfoundland and Labrador

So... YOU  
want to be a  
candidate...



## What You Need To Know!

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## Considering Running?

This document provides information on the steps that you must take to become a candidate and the responsibilities that you will have once you are a candidate.

## Who May Be A Candidate?

Every Canadian citizen at least 18 years of age on nomination day who:

- (a) is ordinarily resident in the province the day before nomination day; and
- (a) is not disqualified by the Elections Act another Act for election to or sitting in the House of Assembly

is qualified to be nominated as a candidate whether or not he/she is qualified to vote in the electoral district in which he/she is nominated.

## When Can You Become A Candidate?

You can become a candidate as soon as an election is called following the issue of writ. You must contact the Returning Officer for the electoral district to set up an appointment for your nomination.

Every Vote Counts!

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You must file a nomination paper at the office of the Returning Officer at any time between the issue of the writ and 2:00 p.m. on the 10th day before polling day.

## What Information Must You Provide In Your Nomination Paper?

### You must provide to the Returning Officer:

- (1) the name of the electoral district where you are running;
- (2) your name, ordinary residence and political affiliation (if any), and an affidavit in the prescribed form with:
  - (a) the names and addresses of at least 10 electors qualified to vote in the same electoral district as you are running, who wish to nominate you;
  - (b) the consent of the candidate signed on the nomination paper in the presence of the person who witnessed the signature, or that the person named as candidate was absent from the province.
- (3) the person who signed the affidavit referred to in 2) above shall be the person who witnessed the signing by the candidate of the nomination paper, if the candidate was not absent from the province.

## What Documents Must Accompany The Nomination Paper?

- (a) the consent in writing of the person nominated in it except where that person is absent from the Province when the absence shall be stated in the nomination paper;
- (b) an affidavit of the candidate as to his/her qualifications including party affiliation where the candidate is affiliated with a Party;
- (c) a deposit of \$100 in legal tender or certified cheque made payable to the Chief Electoral Officer to be held in trust;
- (d) the name and address of the Chief Financial Officer appointed under section 298;
- (e) the full name and address of the candidate;
- (f) the address of the place where records of the candidate are maintained and of the place to which communications may be addressed;
- (g) the names of all the persons authorized by the candidate to accept contributions;
- (h) the name and address of every chartered bank, trust company or other financial institution that is lawfully entitled to accept deposits to be used by or on behalf of the candidate as the depositories for all contributions made to that candidate;
- (i) the names of the persons responsible for each depository.

## Is A Political Party's Endorsement Required?

Yes, before 2:00 p.m. on nomination day, a leader of a registered party shall file with the Chief Electoral Officer a list containing the names of all candidates who are endorsed by the party.

## What if I Am Not Associated With Any Political Party?

If a candidate is not associated with any political party the political affiliation of the candidate shall be described by the word "non-affiliated" unless the candidate at the time of nomination files a request and asks that the words "non-affiliated" be omitted from the description in the election documents.

## May You Withdraw Your Candidacy?

Yes, a candidate who is nominated may, not later than 48 hours before the opening of the poll, withdraw by filing with the Returning Officer a declaration signed by the candidate and 2 qualified electors.



**For Additional Information Please Contact Your Returning Officer Or The Chief Electoral Officer:**

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