



## GUIDE TO THE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS



### 1. Introduction

The following must be submitted to contest National and Provincial Elections: -

Parties intending to contest these elections are required to submit lists of candidates in accordance with the requirements of **section 27 of the Electoral Act, Act 73 of 1998**, and the requirements set out in **Schedule 1A** of the Act.

Independent Candidates intending to contest these elections should be nominated in accordance with the requirements of **section 31A and 31B of the Electoral Act, Act 73 of 1998**.

The following must be submitted to contest the upcoming National and Provincial Elections for **Party Nominations**:

- The list/s of candidates must be submitted in the case of the national list for the National Assembly in a form similar to [Appendix 1 – Nomination of Candidates for the National Assembly \(National List\)](#);
- in the case of the regional list for the National Assembly in a form similar to [Appendix 2 – Nomination of Candidates for the National Assembly \(Regional List\)](#);
- in the case of the provincial list for a Provincial Legislature in a form similar to [Appendix 3 – Nomination of Candidates for the Provincial Legislature \(Provincial List\)](#);
- Acceptance of nomination and undertaking, signed by each candidate in a form similar to [Appendix 4 – Acceptance of Nomination by Candidate on a Party List](#); and
- An Election deposit.

Unrepresented will also be required to capture the following Supporter Requirements:

- In the case of unrepresented parties contesting the National Assembly or Provincial Legislature supporter signatures must equal 15% of the previous regional or provincial quota to obtain a seat. These supporters must be captured on the Online Candidate Nomination System (OCNS), before cut-off date for submission of candidates (as per the Election timetable). Pre-approval is needed to be granted access to the OCNS.
- Request the OPA application form from [opa@elections.org.za](mailto:opa@elections.org.za) And Cc: [MushwaneA@elections.org.za](mailto:MushwaneA@elections.org.za); [MolefeKJ@elections.org.za](mailto:MolefeKJ@elections.org.za); [MutleT@elections.org.za](mailto:MutleT@elections.org.za)
- Return a completed OPA form to [opa@elections.org.za](mailto:opa@elections.org.za) And Cc: [MushwaneA@elections.org.za](mailto:MushwaneA@elections.org.za); [MolefeKJ@elections.org.za](mailto:MolefeKJ@elections.org.za); [MutleT@elections.org.za](mailto:MutleT@elections.org.za)

- Get a desktop computer or laptop with internet access – *If you don't have one, don't worry! You can use someone else's desktop computer or laptop with internet access but make sure to enter your own login details.*
- Visit the MyIEC portal, at <https://online.elections.org.za/MyIEC>
- Signatures should be obtained for National assembly in a form similar to [Appendix 10 – List of Signatories National Assembly \(Regional\)](#)
- Signatures should be obtained for Provincial Legislature in a form similar to [Appendix 11 – List of Signatories Provincial Legislature](#)

The following must be submitted to contest the upcoming National and Provincial Elections for **Independent Candidates**:

- in the case of the regional list for the National Assembly in a form similar to [Appendix 8 – Independent Candidate Nomination and Acceptance \(Regional\)](#);
- in the case of the provincial list for a Provincial Legislature in a form similar to [Appendix 9 – Independent Candidate Nomination and Acceptance \(Provincial\)](#); and
- An A5 head and shoulders full colour photograph
- An Election deposit.

Independent Candidates will also be required to capture the following Supporter Requirements:

- In the case of contesting the National Assembly or Provincial Legislature supporter signatures must equal 1000. These supporters must be captured on the Online Candidate Nomination System (OCNS), before cut-off date for submission of candidates (as per the Election timetable). Link to OCNS <https://online.elections.org.za/MyIEC>
- Signatures should be obtained for National assembly in a form similar to [Appendix 10 – List of Signatories National Assembly \(Regional\)](#)
- Signatures should be obtained for Provincial Legislature in a form similar to [Appendix 11 – List of Signatories Provincial Legislature](#)

#### **For National Assembly:**

- a. The list/s of candidates submitted by a party must not contain more names than the number of seats in the National Assembly (see table below for number of seats available per region), and each list must reflect the fixed order of preference of the names as the party may determine.
- b. In respect to the allocation of seats, if a party has submitted a national or regional list containing fewer names than the number of seats it would have filled from such a list, it will forfeit the number of seats equal to the deficit!

Table 1: National and Regional Lists (number of Regional Seats as per NPE 2024)

Region/Province	List Type		
	National List	Regional List	Grand Total
National	200		200
Eastern Cape		25	25
Free State		10	10
Gauteng		47	47
KwaZulu-Natal		41	41
Limpopo		20	20
Mpumalanga		15	15
North West		13	13
Northern Cape		5	5
Western Cape		24	24
Grand Total	200	200	400

### Provincial Legislatures

A registered party contesting an election of a provincial legislature must nominate candidates for election to such a provincial legislature on provincial lists prepared in accordance with the Act.

Each party is entitled to submit only one list per province, which must contain the names of not more than the number of seats in the provincial legislature, and each list must reflect the fixed order of preference of the names as the party may determine (Refer to the table below for number of seats available per provincial legislature).

In the allocation of seats, if a party has submitted a national or regional list containing fewer names than the number of seats it would have filled from such a list, it will forfeit the number of seats equal to the deficit!

Table 2: Seats per Provincial Legislature

Region/Province	Seats
Eastern Cape	72
Free State	30
Gauteng	80
KwaZulu-Natal	80
Limpopo	64
Mpumalanga	51
North West	38
Northern Cape	30
Western Cape	Seats to be determined in terms of the Provincial Constitution and subject to a different process

## Submission of Lists

Parties and Independent Candidates may submit their Candidate Nominations as early as the date on which the election is proclaimed and by no later than the date and time stated in the election timetable.

Lists may either be submitted:

- i. Online using the Online Candidate Nomination System:-  
(<https://www.elections.org.za/MyIEC/Account/Login>); or
- ii. Delivered by hand only to the office of the Chief Electoral Officer situated at Election House, Riverside Office Park, 1303 Heuvel Avenue, Die Hoewes, Centurion.

## Deposits

The amount to be deposited in terms of section 27(2) of the Act is:-

Election type	Contestant	NPE2024 deposit
Compensatory Election and All Regional Elections	Party	R300 000
Compensatory Election and at least one Regional Election	Party	R200 000 Plus R25 000 per Regional Election
Provincial Legislature	Party	R50 000 per Legislature Election
Regional Election: National Assembly	Independent	R20 000 per Regional Election
Provincial Legislature	Independent	R15 000 for a Legislature in a province in which the independent candidate is registered

The deposit may be paid using any of the following methods:

- i. Use of the payment gateway found on the Online Candidate Nomination System; and
- ii. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) or direct deposit into the Electoral Commission's bank account.

## **Election Timetable**

The election timetable sets out the dates on which any task and obligations in respect of the party need to be carried out or met. It is important that political parties adhere to these dates since no extensions can be granted by the Electoral Commission in respect of deadlines that are missed or not met by a political party or Independent Candidate.

An act required to be performed in terms of the Act in accordance with the election timetable must be performed before 17:00 on that specific date.

## **Queries:**

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