



SOUTH AFRICA

How 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** (the Act), and the requirements set out in **Schedule 1A** of the Act.

In terms of **section 26** of the Act (requirements for parties to contest and election), a party may contest elections only if that party is registered and has submitted a list of candidates in terms of **section 27** of the Act (submission of lists of candidates).

Furthermore, in accordance with **section 27(1) of the Electoral Act**, a registered party intending to contest an election must nominate candidates and submit a list/s of those candidates for that election to the Electoral Commission's Chief Electoral Officer by no later than the date stated in the election timetable.

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

- 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 – National list](#);

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- in the case of the regional list for the National Assembly in a form similar to [Appendix 2 – Regional list](#);
- in the case of the provincial list for a Provincial Legislature in a form similar to [Appendix 3 – Provincial list](#);
- Acceptance of nomination and undertaking, signed by each candidate in a form similar to [Appendix 4 – Acceptance of Nomination](#); and
- A deposit.

Queries

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