



ELECTORAL COMMISSION Papua New Guinea

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# Intending Candidates, Welcome To The 2022 National Election.

You are about to play an important role in the democratic process of Papua New Guinea. It is vital that this election is not only conducted fairly and safely, but is seen to be fair, safe, and open to all electors.

The purpose of this Candidate Nomination Information Toolkit is to assist intending candidates to understand and follow the process of lodging nominations. This Toolkit should not be used in isolation and should be read together with the electoral legal framework. Under Section 83 of the Electoral Law, no person is qualified to be elected as a member of the National Parliament unless he or she has been duly nominated. To be validly nominated, Sections 50, 56, and 103 of the Constitution and Section 44 of the National Elections Regulation prescribe the qualifications. Additional information on the nomination process is contained in the Organic Law on National and Local-level Government Elections.

Nomination is a critical part of the election process and intending candidates play an important role in ensuring the process is carried out correctly and accurately. You will need to ensure you understand all procedures relating to nominations before the commencement of the nomination period. Any ambiguities should be clarified before this period as failure to fully comply with the procedures in the nomination process could result in failure to nominate.

PNGEC's Returning Officers and Provincial Returning Officers will provide information and assistance on the acceptance of nominations.

Finally, on behalf of the Papua New Guinea Electoral Commission I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your participation in the democracy of PNG.







# The Papua New Guinea Electoral Commission

# **Our Vision**

To be a vibrant, leading, and credible Electoral Commission that has the ability to innovate and change to better deliver transparent, free, fair, safe, and inclusive elections.

# **Our Mission**

To plan and conduct free, fair, transparent and democratic elections by providing quality electoral services in accordance with relevant laws and by providing greater voter education to enhance public and stakeholder participation and confidence in the electoral process.



# Introduction

This toolkit is intended to provide information to intending candidates for the 2022 National Election conducted by the Papua New Guinea Electoral Commission (PNGEC).

The toolkit outlines aspects of the law that directly relate to candidates. The toolkit is not a substitute for the law and should be read in conjunction with *The Constitution of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea 1975 (referenced throughout this Toolkit as 'the Constitution')*, the Organic Law on National and Local-level Government Elections (referenced throughout this Toolkit as 'the Organic Law'), and the Electoral Law (National Elections) Regulation 2007 (referenced throughout this Toolkit as 'National Elections Regulation').

Intending candidates are reminded that while the PNGEC will provide information, it does not provide legal advice. Intending candidates must satisfy themselves as to their legal position including, where appropriate, by obtaining their own legal advice.

It is the responsibility of individual candidates to ensure that they comply with the law. Eligible women, men, youth and persons with disabilities are encouraged to nominate as candidates in this election.



# What are the Qualifications of Candidates to Nominate?

Under Section 83 of the Electoral Law, no person is qualified to be elected as a member of the National Parliament unless he or she has been duly nominated. To be validly nominated, Sections 50, 56, and 103 of the Constitution and Section 44 of the National Elections Regulation prescribe the following qualifications:

### They must:

- 1. Be a Citizen of Papua New Guinea, and
- 2. Be 25 years of age or older on the date of nomination, and
- 3. Have been -
  - (a) Born in the electorate they wish to nominate for, or
  - (b) Have lived in the electorate for which they wish to nominate for the last 2 years immediately before their nomination, or
  - (c) Have lived in the electorate for a total of 5 years at any time, and
- 4. Pay a nomination fee of K1,000, and
- 5. Have the right to vote or run as a candidate under the Constitution, and
- 6. Not have dual citizenship of another country, and
- 7. Not be of unsound mind, and
- 8. Not be insolvent,
- 9. Not be under sentence of death or for imprisonment of more than nine months, unless an appeal is pending, and
- 10. Not have been convicted of an indictable offence after 25th June 2002, and
- 11. Not have been convicted under the Organic Law or under the Regulation where the penalty imposed includes ineligibility to hold elective office, and
- 12. Not be disqualified for election to public office because of dismissal from office under the leadership code in the last 3 years, and
- 13. Not have been convicted in the previous 3 years of a prescribed offence relating to elections.

There is no requirement under the Organic Law for a nominating candidate to be of a particular fitness or have academic qualifications.

The person nominating **must** consent to act if elected and declare that they are qualified, and where this declaration has not been made on Form 23, it can be made in another way the Returning Officer or Provincial Returning Officer considers satisfactory and must be made before the end of the nominations period. Failure to meet this requirement can result in the rejection of a nomination by the Electoral Commissioner.



All nominating candidates must declare they are eligible against these qualifications on Form 23 - Nomination of Candidate for Election as Member of National Parliament, which is a legal instrument prescribed under the National Elections Regulation. Any false statements are subject to penalties under the law. Intending candidates who are unsure are to seek their own legal advice.

# Can Public Servants and Ward Members Contest?

Public servants and ward members are eligible to contest for a seat in the National Parliament as long as they meet the candidate eligibility criteria.

An intending candidate's nomination cannot be rejected based on the sole ground he or she is a public servant or ward member who has not resigned in accordance with administrative rules.

There are administrative consequences if a public servant fails to resign in compliance with the Public Services Management Act (e.g., no possibility of reinstatement if the candidate loses). However, failure to resign does not render him or her ineligible to contest for a seat in the National Parliament as long as he or she has all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications.

## **Nominations Permitted for One Electorate at a Time**

A candidate can only nominate for one electorate at a time.

If a candidate wants to change the electorate they have nominated for, they can do so during the nomination period.

To do so they must withdraw a former nomination by submitting to the PRO or RO for the electorate Form 26 - Withdrawal by Candidate of Consent to Nomination.

This must be done before submitting a second nomination for another electorate.

Form 26 must be signed in the presence of the PRO or RO, or other persons authorised by the PNGEC to accept nominations. A copy of the signed form will be given to the candidate as proof of withdrawal.

A nomination cannot be withdrawn after the nomination period has ended.

Where a second nomination is received without the first being withdrawn, the nomination received first is valid (s84, 87(3) and 94 of the Organic Law).



# **Who Can Accept Nominations?**

For the 2022 National Election, ROs and PROs will be appointed before the issue of the writs and the start of the nominations period. ROs and PROs can accept nominations <sup>1</sup>.

PNGEC may also authorise other persons to accept nominations. If this happens, PNGEC will issue Form 24 – Appointment of Person to Accept Nomination at Electoral Commission.

## When Do Candidates Nominate?

Intending candidates can nominate after the issue of the writ. A writ will be issued at 4pm. Nominations will open at that time and will close seven (7) days later also at 4pm<sup>2</sup>. Nominations cannot be accepted after the close of the nomination period and ROs and PROs must pay particular attention to this deadline.

Offices of ROs and PROs will be open from 8am to 4pm daily during the nomination period. For the 2022 National Election the nomination period appears below:

NOMIN	ATION TIMELINE
ACTIVITY/EVENT	DATE
Issue of Writs	4:00pm, Thursday, 12 May 2022
Nomination period opens	4:00pm, Thursday, 12 May 2022
Nomination period closes	4:00pm, Thursday, 19 May 2022

A **Returning Officer** and **Provincial Returning Officer** can accept nominations during the entire nomination period.

If given to RO or PRO  Nominations accepted for the entire nomination period specified in the writ
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• If PNGEC authorises other people to accept nominations via Form 24, they can accept nominations only up to 48 hours before the close of nominations. Therefore, nominations made after 4pm on the fifth day after nominations begin must be lodged with the RO or PRO.

If a nomination is lodged:

- With an "Authorised Person" for the 2022 National Election, or
- By a non-enrolled intending candidate

  It must be submitted according to the timetable on the following page (page 7).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Nominations can be accepted on Sunday.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Organic Law also notes that Assistant Returning Officers may accept nominations. However, as AROs will not be appointed before the issue of the writs, AROs will not be accepting nominations for the 2022 National Election.

	1st day after	2 <sup>nd</sup> day after	3 <sup>rd</sup> day after	4 <sup>th</sup> day after	5 <sup>th</sup> day after
From 4:00pm 12 <sup>th</sup> May	13 <sup>th</sup> May	14 <sup>th</sup> May	15 <sup>th</sup> May	16 <sup>th</sup> May	By 4:00pm 17 <sup>th</sup> May

# Where Do Candidates Nominate?

Nominations for the 2022 National Election can be made in person either to:

- The office of the PRO for the electorate for which the election is to be held (provincial seat).
- The office of the RO for the electorate for which the election is to be held (open seat).

The Electoral Commissioner may authorise additional people in some circumstances (s86 of The Organic Law) via Form 24.

## **How Do Candidates Nominate?**

Intending candidates must submit the following:

- Form 29 Candidate Information. This form captures the personal particulars of candidates and should be provided to the PNGEC prior to the nomination period, but can also be provided at the time Form 23 is submitted during the nomination period.
- Form 23 Nomination of Candidate for Election as Member of National Parliament.

  This is the nomination form.
- Official receipt of payment of nomination fee The official original receipt must be provided as evidence that the Nomination fee has been paid (See 'Nomination Fee' section for more information).
- 4 x Candidate photos 4 quality passport size photos, with a plain background, endorsed on the back with the candidate's name and party affiliation (if endorsed by a political party). Failure to supply a photograph is not a ground for rejecting the nomination but it means that a photo of the candidate will not appear on the Candidate Poster for the National Election.
- Form 30 Political Party Information. This form is required if the candidate is endorsed by a political party.

Candidates must bring one witness when completing the nomination process. An appropriate witness is a person who knows the person nominating.



# COVID-19

Intending candidates, and their supporters, must follow the COVID-19 Niupela Pasin protocols that are in effect at the time of nominations. All intending candidates, and their supporters, must adhere to orders under the National Pandemic Act. The Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary (RPNGC) is responsible for the provision of policing services throughout PNG, including the provision of election security. The RPNGC is also responsible for enforcing compliance with COVID-19 Orders.

# What is the Nomination Fee?

# What is the Payment Method?

The nomination fee must be paid via cash or banker's cheque to a Bank of the South Pacific (BSP) branch.

• Account name: PNGEC Trust Account

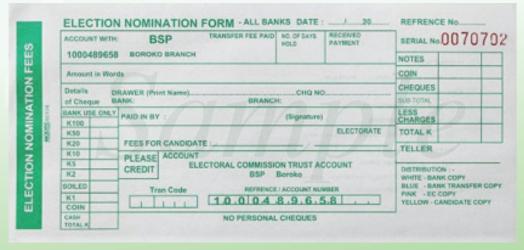
Account number: 1000 489 658

# What Proof of Payment is Required?

The official original receipt of payment of the nomination fee must be attached to Form 23.

Check the receipt shows:

- Date of payment
- Full name of candidate
- Name of the electorate being contested
- Amount paid (in words and figures).



Copy of the Official Election Nomination Form Receipt (FF132)



Cash payments or cheques cannot be accepted. Intending candidates should visit a BSP Branch to pay their nomination fee and then supply the official original receipt as proof of payment.

# What is the Process for Refunds?

Nomination fees can only be refunded in the following circumstances:

- Candidate death before the end of the polling period. The nomination fee is to be returned to the candidate's legal representative. This only applies to nominations for National Elections (s95 and s281 of the Organic Law).
- Withdrawal of nomination. The nomination fee can be refunded if the candidate presents
   Form 26 Withdrawal by Candidate of Consent to Nominate, duly signed by the RO or
   PRO. Note that this can only be done if Form 26 was submitted before the end of the nomination period.
- Rejection of nomination.

The nomination fee paid by or on behalf of a candidate is non-refundable, unless the nomination is withdrawn before the close of nominations, a candidate dies before the end of the polling period, or a nomination is rejected.



# **Candidate Enrolment**

The enrolment of the intending candidate will be checked at the time of nomination. All intending candidates are encouraged to confirm their enrolment status before the start of the nomination period.

Nominations have to be submitted earlier if you are not already enrolled.

### What if a Candidate is Enrolled in a Different Electorate?

If an intending candidate has nominated for an electorate that they are not currently enrolled in, the PRO or RO for the electorate the candidate nominates for will place his/her name on the electoral roll, provided they meet the criteria for enrolment (under section 103 of the Constitution and section 64 of the Electoral Law) and the candidate qualification criteria, including that they:

- Have been born in the electorate for which they intend to nominate; or
- Have resided in the electorate for a continuous period of two years immediately preceding their nomination; or
- Have resided in the electorate for a period of five years at any time.

In addition, their name will be removed from the Roll for the electorate of their previous enrolment.

The intending candidate does not need to be enrolled in the electorate at the time of submitting their nomination. However, they must meet the enrolment eligibility criteria so that they can be placed on the electoral roll for the electorate they have nominated for.

Where a candidate has nominated for an electorate where they are not currently enrolled, and they meet the enrolment criteria listed above, the intending candidate will be requested to complete Form 11 Claim for Enrolment in order to process a transfer of their enrolment.

The transfer of enrolment will only take place if the candidate is entitled to nominate and the nomination is accepted by the RO. The transfer of enrolment will be reversed if the nomination is withdrawn, they fail to be elected, or they cease to be a Member after being elected.

# What if a Candidate is Not Enrolled?

A non-enrolled intending candidate must nominate with the RO or PRO for the relevant electorate within five (5) days after the start of the nomination period.

For the 2022 National Election, nominations from intending candidates not currently enrolled must be submitted according to the timetable below.

	1st day after	2 <sup>nd</sup> day after	3 <sup>rd</sup> day after	4 <sup>th</sup> day after	5 <sup>th</sup> day after
From 4:00pm 12 <sup>th</sup> May	13 <sup>th</sup> May	14 <sup>th</sup> May	15 <sup>th</sup> May	16 <sup>th</sup> May	By 4:00pm 17 <sup>th</sup> May

The nominating candidate will be requested to complete Form 11 Claim for Enrolment to process their new enrolment.

# **Party Endorsement**

Intending candidates who are endorsed by a political party must ensure the "Political Party Endorsement" section of Form 23 is completed, which includes signature by the Public Officer of the political party endorsing the candidate.

Any intending candidate who is endorsed by a party must also submit Form 30 – Political Party Information. Form 30 can be submitted before the nomination period or at the time the intending candidate submits Form 23 during the nomination period.

Candidates who are not endorsed by a party will be listed as "Independent" on the candidate poster.

A photo of the party leader may appear on the candidate poster alongside the affiliated candidate. The party leader's photo is provided by the party to PNGEC headquarters.

For any further information on party registration rules and responsibilities see the Integrity of Political Parties and Candidate's Commission, the Organic Law on the Integrity of Political Parties and Candidates 2003 and the Organic Law on National and Local-level Government Elections 1997 (as amended in 2012).

# **Acceptance of Nomination**

If a nomination substantially complies with the law, the RO or PRO will accept the nomination and add the candidate's details to Form 42 – Declaration of Nominations.

# **Referral of Nomination to Electoral Commissioner**

A nomination must be substantially compliant with the law. If a nomination does not appear substantially compliant, the RO or PRO will refer it to the Electoral Commissioner for consideration and decision.

# Withdrawal of Nominations

A candidate can withdraw their nomination by submitting Form 26 - Withdrawal by Candidate of Consent to Nominate, **before** the nomination closing time

- The withdrawal of nomination must be signed in the presence of the RO or PRO, or other person authorised by the Electoral Commissioner to accept nominations.
- A copy of the signed form must be given to the candidate as a proof of withdrawal to receive back their nomination fee.

If given to RO or PRO	The withdrawal can be accepted until 4pm on the day of the Close of Nominations.
	The withdrawal can be accepted until 4pm on the day before the Close of Nominations (that is, 24 hours before the end of the nomination period).

A candidate who withdraws their nomination before the Close of Nominations is entitled to a **refund of the nomination fee** (s94(1) of the *Organic Law*).

A copy of the signed *Form 26 - Withdrawal of Nomination* is provided to the nominee by the RO or PRO so they can take this to the Bank of the South Pacific (BSP) branch where payment was made to receive back their nomination fee.

A nomination cannot be withdrawn after the nomination period has closed (s94(2a) of the Organic Law)

## **Declaration of Nominations**

Before the close of nominations, the RO or PRO will inform the public and candidates of the date, time and place for the declaration of nominations.

At the close of nominations, the RO or PRO (s93 of the Organic Law) will:

- (a) Publicly produce all nomination papers and electronic advices of nominations received; and
- (b) Declare the names, address and occupation of all candidates nominated, using Form 42 Declaration of Nominations.

# What Happens if Only One Nomination is Received?

If only one nomination is received, the candidate is automatically elected unopposed as the Member for that electorate. If this occurs, the RO or PRO will publicly declare the nomination at the close of nominations using Form 46 – Public Notice – Uncontested Election.

# What Happens if More Than One Nomination is Received?

After nominations are declared, where there is more than one nomination received, the RO or PRO will conduct the draw for positions of names on the candidate poster.



Image of candidate draw for elections.

# **Candidate Poster**

After the declaration of nominations, a Candidate Poster will be produced for each election.

The Candidate poster is displayed at a polling booth to assist the voter in identifying candidates for completing their ballot paper (s125 of the Organic Law).

The candidate poster contains:

- (a) The name of the electorate;
- (b) The name of the election;
- (c) The names of all candidates contesting the election, set out in the order determined by the candidate draw;
- (d) A candidate identification number beside each candidate's name, and a photograph of that candidate if supplied;
- (e) In respect of a candidate endorsed by a registered political party:
  - (i) The name of the political party;
  - (ii) The name of the political party leader;
  - (iii) The photograph of the political party leader;
- (f) In respect of a candidate who is not endorsed by a registered political party, the word "Independent".



Sample Candidate Poster



### How is the Candidate Poster Order of Draw Conducted?

After the declaration of nominations and after the close of nominations, the RO or PRO conducts the draw for positions on the candidate poster.

To conduct the draw, the RO or PRO invites candidates and the public to attend the place of nomination, that is, their office. The RO or PRO also invites an officer or unaffiliated person from the community to assist in the draw. During the draw, the names of all candidates are placed into a ballot box and drawn in the presence of these witnesses.

The candidate whose name is drawn out first will have their name placed at the top left of the candidate poster, and they will be allocated the number '10'. This will be followed by the second, third and so on until the order of all names is determined.

# Do I Get a Copy of the Candidate Poster?

Once candidate posters have been printed, each candidate will be provided copies of the candidate poster for the electorate they are contesting. The quantity will be determined by the Electoral Commission. There is a lead time for printing and dispatch; however, copies of candidate posters will be provided before polling starts.

# **Can I Request Additional Candidate Posters?**

Candidates may apply to the RO, ARO or PRO for additional supply of the candidate poster at their own expense using Form 31 – Request for Authorisation to Print Candidate Poster. If approved, the printing can only be done by printers authorised by the PNGEC.



# **Nomination Checklist for Intending Candidates**

Confirm eligibility to nominate.	
Ensure you are not disqualified for any reason.	
Confirm your enrolment status before or at the time of nomination.	
Nominate after the issue of the writ within nomination period – take note of the different times that may apply.	
Complete and lodge Form 29 – Candidate Information.	
Pay the nomination fee of K1000 via BSP	
Complete and lodge Form 23 – Nomination of Candidate for Election as Member of National Parliament.	
Provide official original receipt as evidence that the Nomination fee has been paid.	
Supply 4 quality passport size photos, with a plain background, endorsed on the back with the candidate's name and party affiliation (if endorsed by a political party).	
Complete and lodge Form 30 – Political Party Information if you are endorsed by a political party.	
Bring one witness with you when completing the nomination process.  An appropriate witness is a person who knows the person nominating.	
Attend the declaration of nominations.	
Attend the candidate poster order of draw.	



# **Quick Reference Guide for Intending Candidates**

Topic	Information
NOMINATION PERIOD	From 4:00pm on 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 to 4:00pm on 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
HOW TO NOMINATE	<ul> <li>Submit Forms:         <ul> <li>23 – Nomination of Candidate for Election as Member of National Parliament</li> <li>29 – Candidate Information</li> <li>If endorsed by a political party, also submit Form 30 – Political Party Information</li> </ul> </li> <li>Submit original receipt for payment of nomination fee</li> <li>Submit four (4) high quality passport photos with plain background</li> </ul>
WHERE TO NOMINATE	<ul> <li>Office of the Provincial Returning Officer</li> <li>Office of the Returning Officer</li> </ul>
AUTHORISED OFFICERS	<ul> <li>Provincial Returning Officer</li> <li>Returning Officer</li> <li>Any other officer duly authorised by the Electoral Commissioner via Form 24</li> </ul>
WHEN TO NOMINATE	<ul> <li>After 4:00pm on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to 4:00pm on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022</li> <li>Offices will be open to accept nominations daily between 8am and 4pm</li> <li>Earlier deadlines apply if lodging nomination via an "Authorised Person" or if the intending candidate is not enrolled</li> </ul>
QUALIFICATIONS FOR NOMINATION	<ul> <li>Must have the right to vote or run as a candidate under the Constitution</li> <li>Must be a citizen of Papua New Guinea</li> <li>Must be 25 years of age or over on the date of nomination</li> <li>Must be born in, or have resided in the electorate, for a period of two years consecutively, or for five years at any time</li> <li>Must pay a nomination fee of K1,000</li> <li>Must not hold dual citizenship</li> <li>Must not be of unsound mind</li> <li>Must not be under sentence of death or imprisonment for more than nine months</li> <li>Must not have been convicted under any law of an indictable offence after 25th June 2002</li> <li>Must not be disqualified under the Constitution</li> <li>Should not have a conviction under the Law or Regulations where the penalty includes ineligibility to hold elective office</li> <li>Should not have been convicted in the previous 3 years of a prescribed offence relating to elections</li> <li>Should not have dismissal from office under leadership code</li> </ul>
	Should not have a submitted a nomination for another electorate and that nomination has not been withdrawn

CANDIDATE ENROLMENT	<ul> <li>If a person who is entitled to do so has nominated for an electorate that they are not currently enrolled in, the PRO or RO for the electorate the candidate nominates for will place his/her name on the Roll provided they meet the criteria for enrolment (under section 103 of the Constitution and section 64 of the Electoral Law)</li> <li>To meet the criteria an intending candidate must: have been born in the electorate for which they intend to nominate; or have resided in the electorate for a continuous period of two years immediately preceding their nomination; or for a period of five years at any time.</li> <li>In addition, their name will be removed from the roll for the electorate of their previous enrolment.</li> </ul>
MORE THAN ONE NOMINATION	<ul> <li>Is not permitted.</li> <li>No person is qualified for nomination if already nominated for another electorate and the earlier nomination has not been withdrawn</li> </ul>
NOMINATION FEE	PGK 1,000 per candidate nomination
HOW TO PAY	<ul> <li>Via Bank of South Pacific (BSP)</li> <li>Account name: PNGEC Trust Account</li> <li>Account number: 1000 489 658</li> </ul>
EVIDENCE OF PAYMENT	Original receipt must be submitted at the time of nomination
REFUNDS	Non-refundable unless: the nomination is withdrawn before the close of nominations, a candidate dies before the end of the polling period, or a nomination is rejected.
WITHDRAWAL OF NOMINATIONS	<ul> <li>A candidate can request their nomination to be withdrawn before the close of the nomination period by submitting to PRO or RO for the electorate Form 26 - Withdrawal by Candidate of Consent to Nominate (section 94 of the Electoral Law and Section 48 of the National Elections Regulation (2007)</li> <li>Form 26 must be signed in the presence of the PRO or RO, or other person authorised via Form 24.</li> </ul>
80	<ul> <li>A copy of the signed form will be given to candidate as proof of withdrawal for refund of nomination fee.</li> <li>Nominations cannot be withdrawn after the nomination period has ended.</li> </ul>
DECLARATION OF NOMINATIONS	<ul> <li>Before close of nominations, PRO and RO will announce the date, time and place for the declaration of nominations</li> <li>At 4:00pm on 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2022, PRO or ARO will:         <ul> <li>Publicly produce all nomination papers submitted</li> <li>Declare the names, addresses, and occupations of all nominated candidates on Form 42 – Declaration of Nominations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
UNCONTESTED ELECTION	If only one candidate nominated, the PRO or RO will declare the candidate duly elected via Form 46 – Uncontested Election



CONTESTED ELECTION AND ORDER OF CANDIDATE LISTING	<ul> <li>If more than one candidate nominated, the PRO or RO will conduct the order of draw for the candidate poster after the close of nominations (section 59 National Elections Regulation 2007)</li> <li>Name of each candidate for electorate is written of a piece of paper and placed in separate plain envelopes</li> <li>Envelopes are deposited in sealed ballot box</li> <li>Ballot box is shaken and rotated by PRO, RO or any other person</li> <li>Ballot box is opened and PRO or RO removes envelopes and open the envelopes one by one</li> <li>Candidate whose name is withdrawn first shall be placed first on the candidate listing and the second will be second and so on until the placing of all candidate names has been determined</li> <li>PRO or RO completes Form 47 – Names of Candidates for</li> </ul>
	Contested Election
NOMINATION FORMS	Form 23: Nomination of Candidate for Election as Member of National Parliament
	<ul> <li>Form 24: Appointment of Person to Accept Nomination at Electoral Commission</li> <li>Form 26: Withdrawal by Candidate of Consent to Nomination</li> <li>Form 28: Candidate Poster</li> </ul>
	Form 29: Candidate Information
	Form 30: Political Party Information
	Form 31: Request for Authorisation to Print Candidate Poster
	Form 32: Approval to Print Candidate Poster
	Form 42: Declaration of Nominations
	Form 46: Uncontested Election
	Form 47: Names of Candidates for Contested Election
INDICATIVE ELECTION DATES	Issue of Writs and Nominations Open: 4:00pm Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
	Nominations Close: 4:00pm Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
	Polling Starts: Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
	Polling Ends: Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022
	Return of Writs: On or before Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 4:00pm



# **Key Definitions**

WRIT	An order issued by the Head of State to the Electoral Commission directing the Electoral Commissioner to conduct an election, in compliance with the Organic Law on National and Local-level Government Elections and the Electoral Regulations
ISSUE OF WRIT	• The process by which the Head of State, acting with and in accordance with, the advice of the Electoral Commission, issues the writ for a general election of members of the National Parliament in accordance with the Constitution.
RETURN OF WRIT	The process by which the RO, after the result of an election has been ascertained, returns the writ through the Electoral Commissioner to the Head of State, who in turn forwards all the writs to the Speaker of the Parliament.

# For more information:

Contact the PNGEC on:

Phone: 303 5559 Fax: 325 7418

Email: info@pngec.gov.pg

# **Sample Forms for Candidate Nomination**

### Electoral Laws (National Elections)

Law, Sec 125
Reg.Sec.56(3)

### **INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

Organic Law on National and Local-level Government Elections.

### **CANDIDATE INFORMATION**

Г <b>о</b> :	The Electoral Commission
1.	I will nominate as a candidate in the election named and I provide my personal particulars as required.
(a)	Name: (as will appear in candidate poster)
(b)	Occupation
(c)	Date of Birth:Age:
(d)	Place of birth:
(e)	Address:
(f)	Contact: Telephone: Mobile: Facsimile:
2.	I will nominate as a candidate in the electorate in the general election/by-election.
3.	I will meet the residential qualifications for election in the named electorate in that I either:
	[ ] will have resided in the said electorate for a continuous period of two (2) years by the date of nomination; or
	[ ] will have resided in the said electorate for a period of five years by the date of nomination; or
	[ ] I was born in the electorate.

I declare that I meet the other qualifications to nominate as a candidate as set out below: -



### Electoral Laws (National Elections)

•	I am a citizen of Papua New Guinea.	Yes [ ]	No [ ]
•	I am not under sentence of death or sentence of imprisonment for a period of more than nine months	Yes [ ]	No [ ]
•	I have not, in the last three years, been convicted of an offence relating to elections prescribed by an Organic Law or an Act of the Parliament for the purposes of Section 50(1)(b) Constitution.	Yes[] or	No [ ]
•	I am over 25 years of age	Yes [ ]	No [ ]
•	I am entitled to vote in elections to the Parliament.	Yes [ ]	No [ ]
•	I have not been dismissed from office under Division 111.2 of the Constitution within the three years immediately preceding the date fixe for the return of the writ.	Yes [ ] d	No [ ]
•	I am not an insolvent.	Yes [ ]	No [ ]
•	I have not been convicted for an indictable offence after 25th of June 2002	Yes [ ]	No [ ]
•	I am of full capacity.	Y <b>e</b> s [ ]	No [ ]
5.	I have/have not contested an election in the past.		
	(Complete following if you have contested an election before)		
	Election Year Succ	cessful/Unsucces	sful
6.	I will [ ] not seek endorsement from a registered political part "independent" is to be stated in the candidate poster beside m from a registered political party, namely:  [ ] seek endorsement from a registered political party, namely:	y name: or seek	en <b>do</b> rsement
7.	I attach a recent photograph of myself, which photograph meets the Electoral Commission.	requirements spe	ecified by the
(Sign	nature)		
(Nar	me)		
Date	d the day of 20		
Attac	chment: - Photograph		



Law Sec.85 Reg.Sec.4S(1) Form 23

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# NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION AS MEMBER OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

To:	[	]	The Reti	urnin <b>g O</b> fficer		
	[	]	Th <b>e A</b> ss	stant Returning Officer		
	[	]	Provinci	al Returning Officer		
	[	]	Person a	authorized by the Electo	ral Commission	
			(Tick w	hichever is applicable).		
				Electorate.		
I herel	hv no	mir	nate as a c	candidate to the Nation	al Parliament for	the
		,,,,,,,	race as a	carrana acc to the Hation	arr armament for	
Electo	rate.					
Name	(to a	ppe	ear <b>o</b> n car	ndidate poster):		
Place	of No	mir	nati <b>o</b> n:			
<b>Q</b> ualif	icatio	ons				
1. I an	n [	]	enrolleo	on the electorate Roll fo	r the said electora	te; or
			[ ]	am entitled to enrolme		
enreln	nent	tog		ate and I have submitte	<b>d</b> a claims f <b>o</b> r en	rolment or transfer of
emom	пепі	tog	ether wit	n this nomination.		
2. I ha	\/ <b>@</b>		[ ]	I was born in the elector	ate on the date a	nd place stated below
2.1110	•			T Was something the elector	arc on the date an	Ta place stated below.
				• Born on	at	
I have			[ ] imm <b>ed</b> i	resided in the said elec ately preceding this nor		inuous period of two years
				resided in the said elec		iod of five years during
	th€	e pe	ri <b>od</b> s and	at the places stated be	low; or	
• R	<b>e</b> si <b>de</b>	d fo	r c <b>o</b> ntinu	uous period of 5 years -		
					and	
					 an <b>d</b>	
				between		<del></del>
				mccarecti	aiiu	



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3.	I have	[	] not nominated	for another electorate;	or			
		-	] nominated for tother the state of the stat	he elect <b>o</b> rate name <b>d b</b>	out that nomination ha	as <b>bee</b> n		
	(Name of	elector	ate nomination ma	ade and withdrawn:)				
4.	l am n <b>o</b>	t un <b>de</b> i	r 25 years of age,	havin <b>g b</b> een <b>bo</b> rn <b>o</b> n t	the date and at the p	lace name <b>d b</b> e	elow.	
	Dat <b>ed o</b>	of <b>b</b> irth:						
	Place of	f <b>b</b> irth:			_			
5.	And I de	eclare t	:hat: -					
	•	lam	a citizen of Papua	New Guinea.		Yes [ ]	No[]	
	•	• Tam e	entitled to vote in e	elections to the Parliam	ent.	Yes [ ]	No [ ]	
	•	• lamı	not a dual citizen c	of Papua New Guinea a	nd another country	Yes [ ]	No [ ]	
	•	lam	n <b>o</b> t under senten	ce of death or sentend	ce of			
	•	• I hav	e not, in the last nce relating to ele	iod of more than nine me three years, been con ections prescribed by	nvicted of an an Organic	Yes [ ]	No[]	
			or an Act of the Pa on 50(1)(b) <i>Consti</i>	arliament for the purp	oses or	Yes [ ]	No[]	
	•	I have office years	e not been dismis e under Division 1 s immediately pre	ssed from office for mi 11.2 of the Constitution ceding the date fixed t	on within the three	163[1]	110[	
			writ for this election	on		Yes [ ]	No [ ]	
			n <b>o</b> t insolvent. e not been convic	cted for an indictable o	offence after	Yes [ ]	No [ ]	
			June 2002.			Yes [ ]		
	•	lam	of full capacity.			Yes [ ]	No [ ]	
6.			am otherwise qua act if elected.	alified under the laws o	of Papua New Guinea	to be elected a	as a membe	ŗ
Non	ninati <b>o</b> n Fee	<b>e.</b>						
7.	I su <b>b</b> mit <b>p</b> a	ayment	of the required K1	,000.00 nomination fee	2: -			
		[ ]	in bank check; or	r				
	1	[ ]	attach the origin	nal of bank deposit red	ceipt evidencing payr	ment <b>o</b> f		
			the fee into bank	k account approved by t	the Electoral Commissi	i <b>o</b> n.		
Can	didate Statu	ıs.						
8.	lam	[ ] "in <b>dep</b> e		a registered political pated beside my name	•			
		[ ]	endorsed by the	registered political pa	rty name <b>d belo</b> w.			
			(Political Party r	ame)				



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9. I have		Age of the second		andidate info	ormation Form 29; h it now.
	(0	andidate	's signature)		
	(0	`andidate	's signature)		
Dated the	y.	_day of_		20	<b>—</b> *
Witness:	- Sig	nature:_	_	_	
	- Na	William			
	- Ad	dress:			
2000 N	am the Pu		er of the regis already su political p	tered political bmitted to t arty informat	party:, the Electoral Commission the registered tion in Form 30; or and it is now attached.
party fo		ed elector			en endorsed by the registered political has not endorsed any other candidate in the
Registere	ed politica	l party n	ame:		
Public Of	fficer's sign	nature:			
Public Of	fficer's na	me:			

### RECEIPT BY RETURNING OFFICER

Received by [ ] Returning Officer



	1	] Assistant Returning Officer		
	. 1	Name:		
	1	] Provincial Returning Office	r	
	1	] Authorized person		
Received at:	_			
Rece	ivec	ion:	at	am/pm.



Form 11 Law Sec 55, 56, 57

Reg. Sec. 27

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I Apply for: New Enrolment:	Transfer Enrolment: In-		Provisional Enrolment:
Voter ID:			
Family/Household Particulars			
Family/House No:	Family/House Name:		Family/House Order No:
Personal Particulars			
Last Name:	Given Name:		National ID Card Number:
Date of Birth://	Place of Birth:		Province of Birth:
Gender : Male: Female:	Occupation:		Person with Disability:
Father's First Name:	Father's Last Name:		reison with bisability.
Mother's First Name:	Mother's Last Name:		
Wiother S First Name	Widther's Last Name		
Place of Residence			
Province:		Open Electorate:	
LLG:		Ward No and Name:	
RURAL		URBAN	
Location/Village:		Section No.:	Lot No.:
Clan:		Street Name:	
Sub-clan:		Suburb/Town/Settler	ment
Rest House/etc:			
PREVIOUS ENROLMENT DETAILS: Only complete th	ne next two sections (shad	led) if you are claiming	a <b>e</b> nrolment transfer :
Province:			
LLG:		Ward No and Name:	
RURAL		URBAN	
Location/Village:			Lot No.:
Clan:			20110
Sub-clan:			ment
Rest House/etc:			
Claimant Declaration		2.11	
1: I am a citizen of Papua New Guinea; and	OB		he Electorate for 6 months or more; and,
3: I am not under the age of 18 years	OR		e of 18 on/
I hereby claim enrolment as an elector oftrue to the best of my knowledge and belief.		Open Electorate. I decl	are that all of the statements made in this claim are
, ,			
Signature or mark of claimant:	Date:	./	
Witness Declaration: I, the undersigned, am an elect and I either know the statements made by the claim true.			_
Signature or mark of witness:			
Occupation: Add	ress:		
Enrolment Agent Declaration: I, acting as enrolmen Electorate have satisfied myself that the statements			Open
Name: Signatu	ure:	Date:	//
Returning Officer Declaration: : I,as Returning Office endeavours have been taken to properly identify the			
I have checked that this claim form has been comple the Electoral Roll			
Name: Signato	ure:	Date:	/
Voter Enrolment Registration Receipt No: 1004830			
Location: MANUS/MANUS/AUA WUVULU/3 - AUNA			
Mr/Mrs/Ms Last Name:			nder:DOB:
Date of Enrolment:	Enrolme	ent Agent:	



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Law, Sec 125 Reg.Sec.58(4) Form 30

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### **POLITICAL PARTY INFORMATION**

To:	T	The Electoral Commission		
1.	l,	am the	Public Officer of the registered po	olitical party named which
	will	endorse candidates in the electi	on.	
	(a)	Registered political party nam	ne:	
	(b)	Registered office:		
	(c)	Date when political party regi	stered:	
	(d)		er:	
	` '	,	(as will appear in candidate p	
	(e)	Name of President:		
	(f)	Name of Secretary:		
2	Latte	ach a mhatagramh (in the consifi	cation required by the Fleateral C	emmissien) ef
2.			cation required by the Electoral Co	ommission) or:-
		,		e a Barliamentary Leader
	[ ]	the President of the Party as	s the Party does not currently hav	e a Parliamentary Leader
3.	Му	contact details for the period be	tween now and to the end of the	election are:-
	•	Telephone no:	Mobile:	Fax:
	•	Email:		
	1. A	sample of my signature and a	print of the seal of the registe	ered political party are
	as	printed below: -		
		(Public officer's signature)		
		(Seal of Political Party)		
Date	ed the	day of	20	
Atta	chmer	nts - Photograph of Parliar	mentary Leader.	
		- Photograph of Politi	cal Party President if there is no	o Parliamentary Leader.



Law.Sec.125 Reg.Sec.62(2)

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To:	The Electoral Commission/Returning Officer
3.	I,make application for authorisation for the printing of the
cand	idate poster for theElectorate.
2.	The approved printer that will print the candidate poster is
3.	The printer will print(insert number) copies.
4.	I acknowledge that: -
	(a) I will meet the full costs of the printing and distribution; and
	(b)no changes will be made to the candidate poster except the addition of the words "Commissioned by(my name inserted) by authority of the Electoral Commission or Returning Officer given in approval dated
	(date to be inserted)".
(Sia	nature of person making application)
(319	nature of person making application)
Nar	me of person making application
7 4 617	ne of person making application
Date	d theday of20 .
Recei	ived by the Electoral Commission/ Returning Officer
Date	:
Offic	er receipting application:



To:	The Electoral Commission	on/Returning Officer
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(Sid	anature of person making ap	plication)
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Na	me of person making applica	tion
Date	ed theday of	20.
	SOCIONAL STREET	- Financia
Rece	eived by the Electoral Commiss	inn/Returning Officer
13444	area by the Electoral Commiss	Tetal in golden
Date	2015	
Offic	cer receipting application:	

REQUEST FOR AUTHORISATION TO PRINT CANDIDATE POSTER





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