

Complete this form if you are using the individual nomination process to be an electorate candidate at the 2023 General Election.

If you are a list candidate or you are an electorate candidate for a registered party using the bulk nomination process you need to complete a consent to nomination form available from your party secretary.

You can send us your completed nomination from **Monday 28 August** to nominations@elections.govt.nz. We cannot formally accept your nomination until the writ for the election is issued on Sunday 10 September. The deadline to lodge a nomination is **noon on Friday 15 September**. **You are advised not to leave your nomination until the last day to ensure any problems with the nomination can be dealt with.**

A candidate must —

- Be a New Zealand citizen.
- Be a registered elector (but does not need to be an elector for the electorate in which the candidate wishes to stand).
- Not be disqualified from registering as an elector –

The main ground for disqualifying a New Zealand citizen is not having been in New Zealand within the last six years. There are exceptions to this rule. For example, public servants or members of the Defence Force who are on duty outside New Zealand, as well members of their families.

A person who is in prison serving a sentence of imprisonment of 3 years or more is also disqualified.

There are other grounds for disqualification that affect a very small number of people. For further details, see section 80 of the Electoral Act 1993.

Bankruptcy is not a ground for disqualification.

- If born outside New Zealand, attach evidence of New Zealand citizenship (for example, certificate of citizenship, or extract from New Zealand passport). A copy is sufficient. A certified copy is **NOT** required. A candidate unsure of their citizenship status should check with the Citizenship Office, Department of Internal Affairs.

Nominators must —

- Be registered electors for the electorate in which they are nominating the candidate.
- Not nominate more than one candidate.

Filling in the form —

Name of electorate being contested and Part 1 — must be completed in full and signed by the candidate.

The name on the ballot paper must not be more than 30 characters long including spaces. Titles and honorifics are not allowed. Candidates are listed alphabetically by surname (which is capitalised) on the ballot paper. If you want your surname to include any lowercase letters make this clear when you print your name on the form i.e. Mc, Mac, Van.

Party name or independent — the candidate should write the name of the party he or she is representing or, if the candidate is not representing a party, the word “Independent”. You should be prepared to provide evidence (such as a party constitution) that an unregistered party you claim to represent exists, and evidence of eligibility to represent that party (such as a letter from the party secretary).

Part 2 — must be completed in full and signed by the nominators.

Logo on the ballot paper —

If you are representing a registered party the party’s registered logo will appear by your name on the ballot paper. Unregistered parties cannot have a logo on the ballot paper.

Deposit —

A deposit of \$300 is required with the nomination. Payment by online banking should be made into:

Electoral Commission Trust Account, BNZ, 02 0506 0077208 00
(include the electorate and your name as the particulars and reference)

We recommend you pay the deposit before nomination day. Include evidence of the time and date you made the deposit with your nomination form such as a copy of your receipt from the bank or a screenshot of your online transaction confirmation. If you are unable to pay your deposit by online banking you can pay the deposit by cash to the Returning Officer.

Submitting your candidate nomination —

Send your completed nomination form, deposit evidence and citizenship evidence to nominations@elections.govt.nz. Please ensure you are available at the contact details provided in case we need to contact you about your nomination prior to the deadline. Alternatively, if you wish to lodge your nomination form and deposit in person, please contact the Returning Officer to make an appointment.

Candidate nominations and deposits **MUST** be lodged by **NOON ON NOMINATION DAY**. Late nominations or deposits cannot be accepted.

Release of candidate details —

The completed nomination form is available for inspection by any registered elector of the district. If you are on the unpublished roll, you do not have to complete the residential address section on the form.

We only publish candidate and party names (or independent) on vote.nz following close of nominations. We do not publish any other candidate information.

We may release candidate telephone and email details after the close of nominations on request from media or anyone else for the purposes of your candidacy, unless you advise otherwise.

For further information on the nomination process or being a candidate refer to the Candidate Handbook – 2023 General Election available at www.elections.nz and from the Electoral Commission Tel (04) 495 0030.