

Completing the Nomination Paper

1. Nominators

- 1.1 A nominator may be a residential or ratepayer elector.
- 1.2 Each nominator must be enrolled in the constituency for which the candidate is standing.
- 1.3 Nominators must provide their full name and address on the nomination document. The name and address details should match the details shown on the Electoral Roll.
- 1.4 Under section 121 of the Local Electoral Act 2001, a nominator who:
- Nominates any person as a candidate whom he/she knows to be ineligible for election, or
 - Signs a nomination paper purporting to nominate another person as a candidate when knowing that they are not qualified to vote at the election of the person they have nominated.
- is liable to a fine of up to \$2,000.

2. Candidates

- 2.1 A candidate must be a parliamentary elector and a New Zealand citizen to be eligible to stand for election.
- 2.2 **Candidate restrictions**
No person may, at the same time, be a candidate for election to both:
- The Wellington Regional Council, and
 - A constituent authority of the Wellington Region (either as the Mayor and/or councillor or community board member). A constituent authority in relation to the Wellington Region means a territorial authority that has jurisdiction over a constituent district or a community board for a community that is wholly or partly within the Wellington Region.
- Candidates cannot stand for election for more than one constituency in the Wellington Region. No person can be elected to local authority if he/she is concerned or interested in contracts over \$25,000 (inclusive of GST) in any financial year with that local authority.¹ This restriction is waived if prior approval from the Office of the Auditor-General is obtained.
- 2.3 **Candidate name on nomination document**
Candidates must provide their full name and address on the nomination document. The name and address details should match the details shown on the Electoral Roll.
- 2.4 **Can I have a different name shown on the voting document?**
If you are commonly known by a different name (for example, Edward Smith is commonly known as Ted Smith) and have been known by that name for the last six months (to the satisfaction of the Electoral Officer), the commonly known name may appear on the voting document provided certain requirements are met.
A candidate who wishes to use their commonly known name on the voting document will be required to provide both their full name and the name they are commonly known by on their completed nomination form.
- 2.5 **Affiliation**
You are able to record an affiliation. Your affiliation will be shown on the voting papers sent to electors and in the public notice advertising candidates standing for election. An affiliation is "an endorsement by any organisation or group (whether incorporated or unincorporated)". If you are not part of a political party or group, you may wish to record your affiliation as "Independent", or leave it blank. If you leave it blank, nothing will show alongside your name on the public notice and voting document.

¹ Further information relating to contracts can be accessed at www.oag.govt.nz/2010/lamia

2.6 Proof of affiliation

Any candidate who wishes to have a party or group affiliation recorded on the voting document must provide a letter of authorisation from the party or group concerned. This should either be on the party or group's letterhead and signed by a representative of the party or group, or a letter signed by not less than three members of your party or group endorsing your affiliation.

2.7 Principal place of residence

You need to tick whether or not your principal place of residence (your address on the electoral roll) is in the local government area for which you seek election (for example, either 'My principal place of residence is in the Lower Hutt Constituency' or 'My principal place of residence is not in the Lower Hutt Constituency').

2.8 What if I'm seeking election to another position?

If you are seeking election to any other positions in elections to which this Act applies (for Wellington Regional Council candidates this would include seeking election to a district health board or licensing trust, or the Hutt Mana Charitable Trust, Porirua Community Trust, Masterton Community Trust, Montfort Trimble Foundation, Masterton Trust Lands Trust or Greytown District Trust Lands Trust), you must specify each position and state that you are seeking to be elected to the positions.

2.9 Deposit

You are required to pay a deposit of \$200 (inclusive of GST) when you lodge your nomination. Please see the Candidate Handbook for payment information.

2.10 Candidate profile statement must be provided when the nomination paper and deposit are lodged

If you elect to provide a candidate profile statement (including photo) you must provide it when you submit your nomination and deposit. Please see the Candidate Handbook for information on candidate profile statements.

If you require assistance or have any questions concerning the completion of the nomination paper, please contact Margaret Meek (04 830 4192) or Francis Ryan (04 830 4248).