



If you want to nominate to stand as a Member of Parliament in the 2019 National General Election you must nominate in person at a Nomination Centre. There is a Nomination Centre in each constituency.

- A computer system will be used to record the details for every nomination
- A photograph will be taken of you that will be used on the Ballot Paper
- Three nominators who have registered in the constituency must attend the Nomination Centre with you as their details will be recorded and they will have to sign. They should bring their Voter ID cards with them.
- You can only nominate for one constituency.
- You must nominate in the nomination period: 6th to 20th February 2019.

What you need to bring to the Nomination Centre if you want to nominate as a candidate:

- A nomination fee of \$5000 in cash or a banker's draft only (you will be given an official receipt). No cheques will be accepted.
- Your Voter ID Card or Voter ID number. This will make it easier to find and record your details.
- If you are nominating for a political party you must provide a certificate signed by the Registrar of Political Parties certifying that you are a registered member of that party and that you are a candidate for the current election.
- If you have recently held, or are acting in, any public office, including being employed by the government as a nurse, teacher, provincial government office, you must have resigned from your position prior to nominating. You should bring a letter when you nominate from the Public Service Commission that accepts your resignation, prior to the date of your nomination.
- If you wish to use a different symbol from the allocated party symbol, you must bring a letter from your Party Executive granting you the permission to do so.

You must meet the qualifications required to be a candidate. These are:

- You are a citizen of the Solomon Islands
- You are aged 21 years or older
- You are a registered voter

Even if you meet these conditions, you will be disqualified from nomination if you, as the person wanting to nominate:

- a) is, by virtue of his or her own act, under any acknowledgement of allegiance, obedience or adherence to a foreign power or state;
- b) holds, or is acting in, any public office (This includes being employed by the government as a nurse, teacher, provincial government officer or any other government employment. A person who is a Member of a Provincial Assembly or is a Constitutional office holder must also resign to be nominated);
- c) is an undischarged bankrupt, having been adjudged or otherwise declared bankrupt under any law for the time being in force in any part of the Commonwealth;
- d) is certified to be insane or otherwise adjudged to be of unsound mind under any law for the time being in force in Solomon Islands;
- e) is under sentence of death imposed on him by a court in any part of the world;
- f) is under a sentence of imprisonment (by whatever name called) for a term of, or exceeding, six months, other than a sentence in lieu of a fine, but including a suspended sentence, imposed on him by such a court or substituted by competent authority for some other sentence imposed on him by such a court;
- g) is disqualified from membership of Parliament or from registration as an elector or from voting at elections under any law for the time being in force in Solomon Islands relating to offences connected with elections; or
- h) holds, or is acting in, any office the functions of which involve any responsibility for, or in connection with, the conduct of any election to Parliament or the compilation or revision of any electoral register for that purpose.



The Returning Officer has the authority to reject your nomination if you do not meet the above requirements. They will give you a reason and they will note this down and advise the Election Manager of the decision and reasons.

Also, when you come to nominate the following will happen:

Allocation of candidate symbols

- You will see a list of party symbols when you come to nominate.
- If you are an Independent you will be asked to choose a symbol from a list of available symbols. This symbol will be allocated to you and not to anyone else nominating in the same constituency.
- If you are a member of a political party you are able to choose a symbol from the list of symbols at the nomination centre in addition to the party symbol of the party you are a member of.

Copy of the completed nomination form

- When all the details have been entered onto the computer program, and all the conditions have been met and all the necessary papers provided, a copy of the completed nomination form will be printed.
- You must check through the details to make sure they are correct and there are no mistakes.
- Make sure the spelling of your name is the way you want it to be on the Ballot Paper
- If you agree that the form is correct, three copies will be made
- The three forms must be signed by: yourself as the Candidate, your three nominators and the Returning Officer.
- You will be provided with a copy of the signed form, one will be kept by the Returning Officer, and one will be kept by the Election Manager

What are the next steps?

- **The Ballot Paper Draw**
 - The ballot paper draw will occur on 25 February at the nomination centre in which you were nominated.
 - The ballot paper draw decides the order of candidate's names on the ballot paper.
 - A Notice will be posted that will advise of the date, time and place for the ballot paper draw in each constituency.
- **Appointment of Polling and Counting Agents**
 - Up to 10 days before the polling day a candidate may appoint two polling agents to attend each polling station within the constituency and two counting agents to be at each counting centre in the constituency. Only one agent at a time, per candidate can be present in the polling centre or counting centre.
 - You need to provide the Returning Officer with an Appointment Letter for Polling Agents, outlining the names of the polling stations they will attend and a letter for Counting Agents.
- **Withdrawal of Nomination**
 - A candidate can withdraw their nomination in writing, including a signature and date, to the Returning Officer up to 48 hours after the nomination period ends. This will be the 22nd of February.