

Nomination for Election Committee Subsector Ordinary Elections to begin on August 6

The nomination period for the 2021 Election Committee (EC) Subsector Ordinary Elections will run from August 6 (Friday) to August 12 (Thursday).

"A nominee must be a registered geographical constituency elector aged 18 or above who is a registered voter for the relevant EC subsector or has a substantial connection with that subsector. Details on eligibility and disqualification in regard to nomination as a candidate and being elected as a member of the EC representing the subsector, and the requirements to be complied with by persons nominated as candidates, are set out in sections 17, 17A, 18, 18A, 19 and 20 of the Schedule to the Chief Executive Election Ordinance (Cap. 569)," a spokesman for the Registration and Electoral Office (REO) said today (August 3).

"A nomination form must be subscribed by not less than five voters registered for the EC subsector concerned. Each voter may subscribe multiple nominations regarding a particular EC subsector but the number should not exceed the number of EC members to be elected by that subsector. In the case of a corporate voter, the subscription of the nomination form may only be effected by the corporate voter's authorised representative," the spokesman said.

The Electoral Affairs Commission appointed last month Returning Officers for various subsectors to receive nomination forms for their respective subsectors and to handle other electoral duties. Notices for the elections and the appointment of Returning Officers, with their office addresses, have been uploaded to the REO website (www.reo.gov.hk) and the election website (www.elections.gov.hk).

Nomination forms are available at the District Offices, the relevant Returning Officers' offices, and the offices of the REO at 10/F, Harbour Centre, 25 Harbour Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong, or Unit 2301-03, 23/F, Millennium City 6, 392 Kwun Tong Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon. They can also be downloaded from the above-mentioned websites.

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Completed nomination forms and the election deposit of \$1,000 must be submitted by the nominees in person to the respective Returning Officers during the nomination period. Nominations are received between 9am and 5pm from Monday to Friday and between 9am and noon on Saturday. During submission of nomination forms, each nominee should normally be accompanied by not more than one companion. Nominees are encouraged to lodge the election deposit by cashier order or cash to avoid unwarranted complications arising from a cheque not being honoured. To facilitate processing, nominees are also advised not to lodge the election deposit for multiple nominations in one single cheque/cashier order.

Separately, pursuant to section 13(3A)(b) of the Electoral Affairs Commission (Electoral Procedure) (Election Committee) Regulation (Cap. 541I), in deciding whether a candidate is validly nominated for a subsector, the Candidate Eligibility Review Committee (CERC) may require the candidate to furnish any other information that the Committee considers appropriate for enabling it to be satisfied as to the validity of the nomination. The CERC now requests each candidate to complete and return the Candidate Eligibility Review Supplementary Information Form (Supplementary Information Form). Copies of the Supplementary Information Form are distributed together with the nomination forms and can be downloaded from the REO website and the election website. Candidates should put the completed Supplementary Information Form in a separate and sealed envelope and hand it in in person together with the nomination form to the office of the Returning Officer of the subsector concerned for onward transmission of the Supplementary Information Form to the CERC Secretariat during the nomination period. Candidates can also choose to submit the completed Supplementary Information Form to the CERC Secretariat as soon as possible but no later than 5pm on August 12 through any of the following means:

1. email to cerc_secretariat@cerc.gov.hk; or
2. return to the drop-in box of the CERC Secretariat at the entrance on 2/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong.

"Nominees are advised to submit their nomination forms as early as possible to allow time to correct mistakes, if any, in the forms before the nomination deadline," the spokesman said.

Copies of the nomination forms of various subsectors are available for public inspection at the offices of the relevant Returning Officers during ordinary business hours after the start of the nomination period. Members of the public may also inspect copies of all the nomination forms at the REO office at Unit 2301-03, 23/F, Millennium City 6, 392 Kwun Tong Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon.

If the number of validly nominated candidates of an EC subsector exceeds the number of EC members to be elected by that subsector, a poll for that subsector will be held on September 19.

For enquiries, please call the election hotline on 2891 1001.