

Nomination period for District Council Ordinary Election starts tomorrow

The nomination period for the 2019 District Council Ordinary Election will start tomorrow (October 4) and run until October 17.

A total of 452 members, one for each of the 452 constituencies in the 18 districts, will be returned. For a contested constituency, the poll will be conducted on November 24 (Sunday).

"A nominee must be a registered geographical constituency elector aged 21 or above who has ordinarily resided in Hong Kong for the three years immediately preceding his or her nomination. Details of the eligibility to be nominated as a candidate, disqualification from being nominated as a candidate and from being elected as an elected member, and the requirements to be complied with by persons nominated as candidates are set out in sections 20, 21 and 34 respectively of the District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547)," a spokesman for the Registration and Electoral Office (REO) said today (October 3).

"A nomination form must be subscribed by 10 registered electors of the constituency concerned. Each elector is allowed to subscribe to only one nomination," the spokesman said.

The District Officers in the 18 districts have been appointed as Returning Officers for the election. They will deal with the nominations of candidates and other electoral matters for the constituencies under their charge.

The nominee must personally hand in the completed nomination form and an election deposit of \$3,000 to the Returning Officer for the relevant constituency within the nomination period. Nominations are accepted from 9am to 5pm, Mondays to Fridays, and from 9am to noon on Saturdays (except public holidays).

"Nominees are encouraged to pay the election deposit by cashier's order or cash to avoid unwarranted complications arising from a cheque not being honoured," the spokesman said.

Nomination forms may be obtained free of charge during ordinary business hours on any day other than a general holiday from the District Offices, or from 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 REO website (www.reo.gov.hk).

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

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