

Nominations of candidates for 2019 Rural Ordinary Election to start tomorrow

The 2019 Rural Ordinary Election will be held in January next year. The nomination of candidates will start tomorrow (November 9) and end on November 22, both days inclusive.

There are two types of village representatives, namely Indigenous Inhabitant Representatives (IIRs) and Resident Representatives (ReRs). For the IIR Election, a candidate must be an indigenous inhabitant as well as an elector of an Indigenous Village/Composite Indigenous Village and ordinarily reside in Hong Kong.

For the ReR Election, a candidate must be a resident of an Existing Village and have resided there for six years immediately preceding the nomination. He or she must also be an elector of the Village.

For the Kaifong Representative Election, a candidate must be a resident of the relevant Market Town (Cheung Chau/Peng Chau) and have resided there for six years immediately preceding the nomination. He or she must also be an elector of the relevant Market Town.

All candidates must be Hong Kong permanent residents aged 21 or above and must be nominated by at least five registered electors from that Village/Market Town. No person is allowed to stand as a candidate in both the Village Representative Election and the Kaifong Representative Election or in more than one village, while each elector can make nominations not exceeding the number of Village Representatives/Kaifong Representatives for the respective Village/Market Town.

Nomination forms are available at the Home Affairs Department and the Home Affairs Enquiry Centres of New Territories District Offices, and the Rural Representative Election website (www.had.gov.hk/rre).

Nomination forms must be submitted in person to the Returning Officers between 9am and 5pm from Mondays to Fridays, and from 9am to noon on Saturdays, except general holidays.

A gazette notice on valid nominations will be published within 14 days after the nomination period. Each validly nominated candidate will be informed separately.

For enquiries, please call 2152 1521 or visit the Rural Representative Election website.