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Independent Election Commission of Afghanistan Presidential Election 2019

Candidate Nomination Instructions for the Prospective Candidates in the 2019 Presidential Election

The Independent Election Commission (IEC) will establish the Candidate Nomination Center at its Headquarters in Kabul to receive applications for candidacy for the 2019 Presidential Election. Eligible candidates are invited to visit the Candidate Nomination Centre during the Candidate Nomination period **from 22 December 2018 to 2 January 2019 to submit their application.**

What is the candidate nomination launch process?

The launch process will run for a period of 3 days from 19 till 21 December 2019. During this period prospective candidates or their delegates can come and collect Candidate Nomination packs which will contain all the forms and instructions required to apply for candidacy. Candidates can also download relevant forms and information from the IEC website or pick them up during the Candidate Nomination period at the Candidate Nomination Center.

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Prospective candidates for the Presidential Election must be prepared to submit in person at the Candidate Nomination Center:

- **A national ID card (*Tazkira*) with the voter registration sticker.** The applicants who are not already registered voters, can register with voter registration officer directly in the Candidate Nomination Center during the candidate nomination period.
- **A completed Candidate Application Form (CN-01)**, including the names of two vice-presidents, and a notice of candidate's liaison officer (CN- 03). Vice-president must also be present in person in the Candidate Nomination Center during the application process. Where applicable, political party or coalition endorsement form (CN- 02) should be also submitted together with the application. There is another form for Candidates' Documents Submission (CN- 05).
- **A list of signatures with voter registration sticker and *tazkira* numbers in support of the applicant's candidacy** (Form CN- 04). The candidate must be supported by at least 100,000 eligible voters, out of which at least 2% of the supporters must be drawn from at least 20 provinces.
- **A confirmation of the 1,000,000 AFS deposit (bank receipt).** The deposit will be returned if the candidate is elected or receives more than 10 percent of the votes cast in the first round of the presidential election.

- Where applicable, an authenticated resignation letter from official positions listed in Article 44 of the Electoral Law.
- **A record of all his/her moveable and non-moveable assets** according to the forms provided by the IEC.
- **A Clearance Letter from Ministry of Interior** as a proof that they are not under investigation of any kind.

During the application process an applicant must:

- Sign the Application Form that confirms the applicant:
 - Consents being a candidate.
 - Is eligible according to the Constitution and the Electoral Law: (i) citizen of Afghanistan not holding citizenship of other country; (ii) Muslim; (iii) born to Afghan parents; (iv) shall not be less than 40 years of age on the day of candidacy; (v) not convicted of crimes against humanity or a felony; (vi) not deprived of civil rights.
 - Will uphold all relevant laws, regulations and Code of Conduct approved by the Independent Electoral Commission.
 - Neither commands nor belongs to non-official military forces.
- Have their photograph taken. This photograph will appear on the ballot paper.
- Present their symbol (for candidates presenting themselves of behalf of political party or coalition) or select the symbol offered from the list of symbols prepared by the IEC according to the procedure. This logo will appear on the ballot next to each candidate's name and photograph.

*** The candidate eligibility criteria also apply to the vice-presidents ***

Once a prospective candidate's application is complete and submitted, the information will be further reviewed. **The IEC will publish the preliminary candidate list for public review on 8 January 2019** and challenges and corrections will be possible.

The final candidate list will be published once all challenges, corrections, and appeals have been resolved, on 24 February 2019. Once registered, candidates are entitled to accredit their agents to monitor the electoral process, notably election day operations (voting and counting). *[The details are listed in a separate regulation and procedure].*

The registered candidates can withdraw from the election no later than 23 February in order to receive their deposit back. In case of withdrawal, candidates will be asked to fill the Notice of Withdrawal Nomination Form (CN- 06).

To determine the position of the candidate on the ballot paper, the IEC will conduct a ballot lottery on 24 February. Candidates, their representatives as well as electoral observers and monitors will be invited to attend and observe the process.

The Candidate Nomination period will run for 12 days, from 22 December 2018 till 2 January 2019. The Nomination Center will be open every day including Fridays and holidays; from 08:00am to 16:00pm. Candidate nomination launch period will run for three days, from 19 till 21 December 2018. Official Opening Ceremony by IEC Chairman [Press Conference] will be held to inaugurate the process.

In case of questions, contact the Electoral Call Center at the toll-free number (190).