



**ELECTIONS BC**  
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# Nomination Booklet

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Follow the instructions in this booklet carefully.

If you do not comply with the requirements of the *Election Act*, your nomination will be invalid.

<b>FULL NAME OF NOMINEE</b>	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME(S)
<b>ELECTORAL DISTRICT</b>			

<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>	CANDIDATE # _____
	DATE CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY ISSUED _____



## Important Note to Prospective Candidates

You do not become a candidate until all required nomination documents and the nomination deposit are accepted and a certificate of candidacy is issued by the Chief Electoral Officer or your District Electoral Officer.

You may file your nomination as a standing nomination with the Chief Electoral Officer or as an ordinary nomination with the District Electoral Officer. Once filed, nomination documents are available for public inspection.

Review this document carefully and complete it in full. Several solemn declarations may be required. For your convenience it is recommended that you have all solemn declarations administered at one time.

### Standing Nominations (*Election Act*, section 57)

The standing nomination process allows prospective candidates to file their nomination documents before an election is called. When the election is called, the standing nominee will receive their certificate of candidacy. This allows the candidate access to the voters list and the ability to issue tax receipts earlier than individuals using the ordinary nomination process.

**For a general election**, a standing nomination may be filed with the Chief Electoral Officer at any time before 4:30 p.m. (Pacific time) on the day prior to the writ being issued for an election. If this is a Sunday or holiday, the next day that is not a Sunday or holiday will apply.

**For a by-election**, standing nominations may be filed any time before 4:30 p.m. (Pacific time) on Day 5 of an election. If this is a Sunday or holiday, the next day that is not a Sunday or holiday will apply.

If you are unable to meet all the requirements of filing a standing nomination by the deadline, please file your full nomination as an ordinary nomination with the District Electoral Officer for the electoral district in which you are seeking election. If a nomination is incomplete at the end of the standing nomination period, the documents will not be returned and the deposit is forfeited.

To file a standing nomination, all of the following must be received by the Chief Electoral Officer. If any of these items are not submitted, or are incomplete, your nomination will not be accepted.

- 320 - Nomination Booklet, completed with all necessary information and signed by 75 nominators
- 321 - Appointment of Auditor, completed and signed by the nominee and the auditor
- 325 - Appointment of Financial Agent, completed and signed by the nominee and financial agent
- \$250 nomination deposit (cash, certified cheque, money order, or traveller's cheque payable to Minister of Finance). Uncertified cheques will not be accepted
- Statement of Disclosure required by the *Financial Disclosure Act*, completed by the nominee

You may also file the Appointment of Official Agent (327) and any Appointment of Deputy Financial Agents (326) with the Chief Electoral Officer. These are optional, and your nomination will be accepted without them.

Standing nominations may only be accepted by the Chief Electoral Officer. It is your responsibility to ensure that documents are delivered to the Chief Electoral Officer by the deadline. Postmarks will not be considered as proof of delivery.

To ensure the process is accessible for all nominees, a standing nomination may be given to a Government Agent or District Electoral Officer for mailing to the Chief Electoral Officer. The nominee must ensure that there is sufficient time for the nomination to be received by the Chief Electoral Officer prior to the deadline.

## Ordinary Nominations (*Election Act*, section 56)

Ordinary nominations are filed with the District Electoral Officer for the electoral district in which you are seeking election. **For a general election**, the nomination period starts at the time the writ of election is issued and ends at 1 p.m. (Pacific time) on the 10th day after the issue of the writ. (If either day is a Sunday or holiday, the next day that is not a Sunday or holiday will apply).

**For a by-election**, the ordinary nomination period starts at 9 a.m. (Pacific time) on the 6th day after the writ of election is issued and ends at 1 p.m. (Pacific time) on the 10th day after the issuing of the writ. (If either day is a Sunday or holiday, the next day that is not a Sunday or holiday will apply).

To file an ordinary nomination, all of the following must be received by the District Electoral Officer by the deadline. If any of these items are not submitted, or are incomplete, your nomination will not be accepted. If a nomination is incomplete at the end of the nomination period, the documents will not be returned and the deposit is forfeited.

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Ordinary nominations must be delivered directly to the District Electoral Officer for the electoral district in which you are seeking election. It is your responsibility to ensure that documents are delivered to the District Electoral Officer by the deadline. Postmarks will not be considered as proof of delivery.

## Instructions

- ❶ Print your LAST NAME, FIRST NAME and MIDDLE NAME(S) (e.g. Smith, Allan William Peter, etc.). Prefixes such as Mr., Ms., Dr., etc., and suffixes such as titles, degrees, etc., cannot be included as part of your name.

### FULL NAME OF NOMINEE

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME(S)

- ❷ You must be qualified as a candidate to submit a nomination. The qualifications are:
- I am a Canadian citizen;
  - I am 18 years of age or older, or if an election is in progress, I will be 18 years of age on General Voting Day for the election;
  - I will have been a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before I become a candidate;
  - I am not disqualified by the *Election Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or from being nominated for, being elected to or holding office as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, or otherwise disqualified by law; and,
  - I am not nominated as a candidate in any other electoral district in British Columbia.

You must make a solemn declaration that you meet these qualifications. This declaration must be made before a Commissioner for Taking Affidavits for British Columbia. The Chief Electoral Officer, the District Electoral Officer, a Deputy District Electoral Officer or Government Agent may take this declaration free of charge.

I, the undersigned, swear [or *solemnly affirm*] that I am qualified for nomination as a candidate for election as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.

SIGNATURE OF <b>NOMINEE/CANDIDATE</b>	<b>SWORN [OR SOLEMNLY AFFIRMED] BEFORE ME</b>	
	AT: (CITY/TOWN)	DATE: (YYYY/MM/DD)
		★ COMMISSIONER FOR TAKING AFFIDAVITS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA

★ This includes the Chief Electoral Officer, District Electoral Officers, public notaries, barristers, solicitors and Government Agents.

**WARNING:** Signing a false declaration is a serious offence and is subject to significant penalties [section 266].



**Instructions (continued)**

- ③ If you wish to have your usual name printed on the ballot instead of your full name, complete this section. Usual names include nicknames (e.g. Stretch, Kid, Buddy, etc.), and abbreviations (e.g. Bev, Bob, Sue, Al, etc.). For example, if Allan William Peter Smith usually goes by the name Bill Smith, this name may be used on the ballot. However, there are some restrictions as to what can be on a ballot, and these restrictions may prevent you from using your usual name. A ballot cannot include any indication that a candidate is holding or has held an elected office, a candidate’s occupation, or an indication of a title, honour, degree or other decoration received or held by the candidate. If the individual’s usual name falls under any of these restrictions, it cannot be used. For example, if the candidate is a doctor, “Doc” cannot be used on the ballot [*Election Act*, section 86].

If you are requesting to have your usual name rather than your full name shown on the ballot, you must make a solemn declaration that the name to be used is your usual name. This declaration must be made before a Commissioner for Taking Affidavits for British Columbia. The Chief Electoral Officer, the District Electoral Officer, a Deputy District Electoral Officer, or Government Agent may take this declaration free of charge. This solemn declaration is not required if your full name is to appear on the ballot.

**COMPLETE ONLY IF FULL NAME IS DIFFERENT FROM NAME TO BE USED ON BALLOT**

NAME TO BE USED ON BALLOT (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)
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Solemn declaration of usual name (if different from ①)  
I, swear [or *solemnly affirm*] that the above name requested to be used on the ballot is my usual name

**SWORN [OR SOLEMNLY AFFIRMED] BEFORE ME**

AT: (CITY/TOWN)	DATE: (YYYY/MM/DD)
★ COMMISSIONER FOR TAKING AFFIDAVITS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA	

SIGNATURE OF **NOMINEE**

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- ④ Print the name of the electoral district in which you will be seeking election. You do not have to be a resident of that electoral district in order to run as a candidate.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT
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- ⑤ If you are representing a registered political party, print the party name. In order to have party affiliation noted on the ballot, the party must file an endorsement with the Chief Electoral Officer or the District Electoral Officer. The party name will appear on the ballot as indicated on the political party’s registration form.

NAME OF REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTY REPRESENTED
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- ⑥ Print your full residential address and telephone number. If you wish to have your residential address and/or residential phone number obscured for the purposes of public inspection, mark the appropriate YES box.

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS ★	PHONE: ★ (       )
CITY/TOWN	POSTAL CODE

★ In accordance with section 275 of the *Election Act*, I request that my residential address and/or residential phone number be obscured for the purposes of public inspection.

ADDRESS	PHONE
YES	YES



**Instructions (continued)**

- 7 You are required to provide an address where documents required or authorized under the *Election Act* to be served or delivered to a candidate may be delivered. Documents delivered to this address are deemed to have been delivered or personally served on the candidate [*Election Act*, section 54(3)(i) and 68]. Please select a mailing address that will be valid both during and after the election. If you have requested that your residential address or phone number be obscured for the purposes of public inspection, provide a different address for this purpose. The nominee must sign this section.

**I confirm that documents will be accepted for delivery to or service on me at the following address, and I may be contacted at the following telephone number.**

SERVICE ADDRESS OF NOMINEE		CONTACT NAME	
CITY/TOWN	POSTAL CODE	PHONE: (    )	FAX: (    )
EMAIL:		SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE	

- 8 If you wish to have INDEPENDENT noted on the ballot, mark the YES box. Individuals who represent unregistered political parties may not appear as INDEPENDENT on the ballot. In order to have INDEPENDENT on the ballot you must also make a solemn declaration as to your independent status before a Commissioner for Taking Affidavits for British Columbia. This solemn declaration may be made free of charge before the Chief Electoral Officer, District Electoral Officer, Deputy District Electoral Officer, or Government Agent.

<p>I request that my status of <b>INDEPENDENT</b> be printed on the ballot.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES</p>	<p>I, swear [or <i>solemnly affirm</i>] that I am independent and am not a representative of a political party.</p> <p>SIGNATURE OF <b>NOMINEE</b></p>	<b>SWORN [OR SOLEMNLY AFFIRMED] BEFORE ME</b>	
		AT: CITY/TOWN	DATE: (YYYY/MM/DD)
		★ COMMISSIONER FOR TAKING AFFIDAVITS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA	
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- 9 You must consent to your nomination. Read the statement carefully before you sign it.

<p>I consent to my nomination as candidate and I declare that all information contained within this application is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correct.</p>	<p>SIGNATURE OF <b>NOMINEE</b></p>	<p>DATE: (YYYY/MM/DD)</p>
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A nomination is not made unless all of the required documents are completed and filed. A nominee becomes a candidate when all required documents and the nomination deposit are accepted and a certificate of candidacy is issued. If any of the facts in the nomination document change after filing, they may be amended by requesting the correction in writing to the District Electoral Officer or Chief Electoral Officer.

The nomination application includes the following

\$ 250 DEPOSIT	<input type="checkbox"/>	APPOINTMENT OF FINANCIAL AGENT - 325	<input type="checkbox"/>	
NOMINATION BOOKLET - 320	<input type="checkbox"/>	STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE	<input type="checkbox"/>	
APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR - 321	<input type="checkbox"/>	APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY FINANCIAL AGENT - 326	<input type="checkbox"/>	OPTIONAL
		APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIAL AGENT - 327	<input type="checkbox"/>	OPTIONAL

## **Instructions (continued)**

Your nomination requires the signed declarations of 75 voters of the electoral district in which you wish to seek election. It is your obligation to ensure that at least 75 qualified voters sign your nomination. It is advisable to have more than 75 voters signatures to ensure that enough valid signatures are obtained.

Nominators do not have to be registered voters. However, it is strongly recommended to have registered voters sign your nomination booklet to ensure the nominators meet the qualifications.

Nominators may only nominate one individual in an election.

To be a nominator, an individual must:

- be a Canadian citizen
- be at least 18 years of age, or if an election is in progress, be 18 years of age or more on General Voting Day for the election
- be a resident of the electoral district
- have been a resident of B.C. for the immediately preceding six months
- not be disqualified from voting

**Nominators must provide their residential address. Mailing addresses are NOT acceptable, and may invalidate your nomination.**

I, the undersigned voter of the \_\_\_\_\_ electoral district, nominate the person named in this booklet as a candidate for election as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia. I declare that I am a qualified voter for the above electoral district and that I have not nominated another individual for the same election.

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I request that my address be obscured from public inspection.

	NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (PLEASE PRINT)	SIGNATURE	
	FULL NAME	BLDG. #/STREET/COMMUNITY/CITY - DO NOT USE POSTAL ADDRESS		
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	<b>NAME (PLEASE PRINT)</b>	<b>RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (PLEASE PRINT)</b>	<b>SIGNATURE</b>	
51	FULL NAME	BLDG. #/STREET/COMMUNITY/CITY - <b>DO NOT USE POSTAL ADDRESS</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>
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