

REQUIREMENTS FOR CLEARANCE FOR NOMINATION

This is a guide on the requirements for **nomination** of candidates for elective positions. The requirements **MUST** be verified and cleared by the Directorate of Legal Services (DLS) **BEFORE NOMINATION**.

A candidate **MUST** be **18 years old or above** at the date of nomination.

A candidate shall be required to present the following documents:

1. Proof of Identity.

- i. Proof that you are a Ugandan.

A candidate who wishes to contest in the NRM party primary elections must attach to his or her nomination forms their **National Identity Card** or their Application Number from NIRA as proof of their citizenship.

- ii. Voter Registration with the National Electoral Commission.

A candidate who wishes to contest in the NRM internal Structure Elections or the NRM Party Primary elections must attach to his or her nomination forms proof that he or she is a registered voter and that his or her name appears in the National Voters' Register by presenting his/her voter location slip from the National Electoral Commission.

- iii. Registered Voter with the NRM.

A candidate who wishes to contest in the NRM internal Structure Elections or NRM Party Primary elections must attach to his or her nomination forms proof that his or her name appears in the NRM Voters' Register.

2. Academic Qualification.

Academic qualifications are set and required for Candidates vying for the positions of;

- i. Member of Parliament (MP).
- ii. Local Government Councilor V (LC 5).

A candidate who wishes to contest **MUST** attach to his or her nomination forms the following requirements in compliance with Section 4 of the Parliamentary Elections Act, Cap. 177.

- i. Letter of Verification of Results for **Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE)** Level issued by Uganda National Examinations Board (UNEB), *or in the alternative*;
- ii. **A Certificate of equivalence** issued by the **National Council for Higher Education (NCHE)** if the candidate after completing O'Level pursued an alternative course other than A 'Level, *or in the alternative*;
- iii. Certified academic certificate for a Diploma and or a University Degree qualifications where the Diploma or Degree was obtained in Uganda or from the former University of East Africa or any of its constituent colleges.

3. Change of Name.

- i. Where the change is a minor correction in the candidate's name, the candidate must attach to his or her nomination forms a Statutory Declaration duly registered with the Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB).
- ii. Where the change substantially alters the original name of the candidate, he or she must attach to his or her nomination forms proof of a **Notice in the Uganda Gazette** and compliance with section 36 of the Registration of Persons Act, 2015.

4. Public service.

All public servants who wish to contest in elective politics are required to resign their offices in accordance with the Law before nomination for that elective office.

- i. A candidate who has previously been employed in the public service must attach to their nomination forms proof of resignation or retirement from Public Service within the stipulated period under the law.
- ii. A candidate who has been serving in Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF) or the Uganda Police must attach to his or her nomination forms proof of clearance from the forces to participate in politics. The proof required **must be a discharge certificate** issued before the person commenced political activity even at political party level.

5. Photos.

A candidate must attach to his or her nomination forms two (2) recent standard album photos and one (1) recent passport photo of the candidate. These must have a white background.

6. Criminal conduct.

A person who wishes to contest in the NRM party Primary elections must not fall under the category or the following sentences;

- i. Is under a sentence of death or a sentence of imprisonment exceeding nine months imposed by any competent court without the option of a fine;
- ii. Has, within the seven years immediately preceding the election, been convicted by a competent court of a crime involving dishonesty or moral turpitude;
- iii. Has within the seven years immediately preceding the election, been convicted by a competent court for contravention of any law relating to elections conducted by the Commission.

Looking forward to your usual cooperation and best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

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