



**QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR NOMINATION OF  
CANDIDATES FOR THE DIFFERENT ELECTIVE POSITIONS**

**THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA, 2010  
THE ELECTIONS ACT, 2011  
THE ELECTION LAWS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2017  
THE ELECTION LAWS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2016  
POLITICAL PARTIES OF ACT, 2011  
ELECTIONS (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 2012**

**NOTICE** is hereby given to the public on the qualifications and requirements for candidates contesting for elective positions together with nominees to Party Lists in the upcoming General Election scheduled to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.

***A. Candidate for Presidential Election (and Running Mate)***

***Qualifications:***

1. Must be a Kenyan citizen by birth
2. Is qualified to stand for election as a member of Parliament
3. Must not hold dual citizenship
4. Must not owe allegiance to a foreign state
5. Must be a registered voter
6. Is a holder of a degree from a University recognized in Kenya
7. Is nominated by a Political Party or is an independent candidate

***Requirements:***

The Candidate must submit the following documents to the Commission during the Commission Nomination:

1. Certified copies of educational qualification certificates, including a Degree Certificate in accordance with Section 22 of the Elections Act, 2011 and Regulation 47 of Elections (General) Regulations, 2012.

*Where the body that issued the certificate is not based in Kenya, a certified copy of the certificate must be submitted which must be authenticated and or equated by the Kenya National Examination Council in case of Form 4 certificates, or the Commission of Higher Education, in case of University Degrees.*

2. A copy of a National Identity Card/valid Passport (the document used by the candidate to register as a voter)
3. A Passport size photograph with white background submitted in hard and soft copy.
4. If a Party Candidate, a Nomination Certificate from a fully registered Political Party nominating the candidate, duly dated and signed by an authorized official of the party
5. A duly signed and dated Code of Conduct (Second Schedule of the Elections Act, 2011)
6. A duly filled Commission Nomination Form, including:
  - (a) An original Statutory Declaration Form for purposes of nomination (Regulation 18(3) Elections (General) Regulations, 2012 and an original Self-Declaration Form (Regulation 46 of Elections (General) Regulations, 2012)
  - (b) For both Political Party Candidates and Independent Candidates, an electronic and printed copy of not fewer than 2000 voters from each of the majority of the countries in the prescribed form.
7. For an Independent Candidate:
  - (a) A Clearance Certificate from the Registrar of Political Parties certifying that the person was not a member of any political party for the last 3 months before the elections; i.e. as at 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 (Regulation 15(a) (General) Regulations, 2012
  - (b) A soft and a hard copy of a list of at least 2000 supporters in the prescribed form, submitted to the Commission.
  - (c) A duly filled Form of Intention to Contest in the prescribed form (Regulation 15(b) (General) Regulations, 2012
  - (d) A symbol the candidate intends to use during the election, which has been approved by the Commission 21 days before Commission Day
  - (e) Establish and maintain a functioning office in the respective electoral area where the candidate is contesting, which must be available for inspection by the Commission at least 45 days before the elections. The address, including the physical address of the office must be communicated to the Commission
8. Nomination fees in a Banker's Cheque payable to IEBC:
  - Kshs. 200,000 for candidates
  - Kshs. 100,000 for a candidate who is a youth, a woman or a person with a disability.

***B. Candidate for Governor Election (and Running Mate)***

***Qualifications:***

1. Must be a Kenyan citizen for at least 10 years before the election
2. Must not owe allegiance to a foreign state
3. Must be eligible for election as a member of the county assembly
4. Must be a registered voter
5. Is a holder of a degree from a University recognized in Kenya
6. Is nominated by a Political Party or is an independent candidate

***All requirements for County Governor apply to the Deputy Governor***

***Requirements:***

The Candidate must submit the following documents to the Commission during the Commission Nomination:

1. Certified copies of educational qualification certificates, including a Degree Certificate in accordance with Section 22 of the Elections Act, 2011 and Regulation 47 of Elections (General) Regulations, 2012.

*Where the body that issued the certificate is not based in Kenya, a certified copy of the certificate must be submitted which must be authenticated and or equated by the Kenya National Examination Council in case of Form 4 certificates, or the Commission of Higher Education, in case of University Degrees.*

2. A copy of a National Identity Card/valid Passport (the document used by the candidate to register as a voter)
3. A Passport size photograph with white background submitted in hard and soft copy.
4. If a Party Candidate, a Nomination Certificate from a fully registered political party nominating the candidate, duly signed and dated by an authorized official of the party
5. A duly signed and dated Code of Conduct (Second Schedule of the Elections Act, 2011)
6. A duly filled Commission Nomination Form, including an original Statutory Declaration Form for purposes of nomination (Regulation 18(3) Elections (General) Regulations, 2012) and an original Self-Declaration Form (Regulation 46 of Elections (General) Regulations, 2012)
7. For an Independent Candidate:
  - (a) A Clearance Certificate from the Registrar of Political Parties certifying that the person was not a member of any political party for the last 3 months before the elections; i.e. as at 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 (Regulation 15(a) (General) Regulations, 2012)
  - (b) A soft and a hard copy of a list of at least 500 supporters in the prescribed form, submitted to the Commission.
  - (c) A duly filled Form of Intention to Contest in the prescribed form (Regulation 15(b) (General) Regulations, 2012)
  - (d) A symbol the candidate intends to use during the election, which has been approved by the Commission

(e) Establish and maintain a functioning office in the respective electoral area where the candidate is contesting, which must be available for inspection by the Commission at least 45 days before the elections. The address, including the physical address of the office must be communicated to the Commission.

8. Nomination fees in a Banker's Cheque payable to IEBC:

- Kshs. 50, 000 for candidates
- Kshs. 25,000 for a candidate who is a youth, a woman or a person with a disability.

### ***C. Candidate for Senate Election***

#### ***Qualifications:***

1. Must be a Kenyan citizen for at least 10 years before the election
2. Must not owe allegiance to a foreign state
3. Must be a registered voter
4. Is nominated by a Political Party or is an independent candidate

#### ***Requirements:***

The Candidate must submit the following documents to the Commission during the Commission Nomination:

1. A copy of a National Identity Card/valid Passport (the document used by the candidate to register as a voter)
2. A Passport size photograph with white background submitted in hard and soft copy.
3. If a Party Candidate, a Nomination Certificate from a fully registered political party nominating the candidate, duly signed by an authorized official of the party
4. A duly signed and dated Code of Conduct (Second Schedule of the Elections Act, 2011)
5. A duly filled Commission Nomination Form, including an original Statutory Declaration Form for purposes of nomination (Regulation 18(3) Elections (General) Regulations, 2012) and an original Self-Declaration Form (Regulation 46 of Elections (General) Regulations, 2012)
6. For an Independent Candidate:
  - (a) A Clearance Certificate from the Registrar of Political Parties certifying that the person was not a member of any political party for the last 3 months before the elections; i.e. as at 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2017, (Regulation 15(a) (General) Regulations, 2012
  - (b) A soft and a hard copy of a list of at least 2000 supporters in the prescribed form, submitted to the Commission.
  - (c) A duly filled Form of Intention to Contest in the prescribed form (Regulation 15(b) (General) Regulations, 2012
  - (d) A symbol the candidate intends to use during the election, which has been approved by the Commission

- (e) Establish and maintain a functioning office in the respective electoral area where the candidate is contesting, which must be available for inspection by the Commission at least 45 days before the elections. The address, including the physical address of the office must be communicated to the Commission.

7. Nomination fees in a Banker's Cheque payable to IEBC:

- Kshs. 50, 000 for candidates
- Kshs. 25,000 for a candidate who is a youth, a woman or a person with a disability

***D. Candidate for National Assembly Election (including Woman County Representative to the National Assembly)***

***Qualifications:***

1. Must be a Kenyan citizen for at least 10 years before the election
2. Must not hold allegiance to a foreign state
3. Must be a registered voter
4. Is nominated by a Political Party or is an independent candidate

***Requirements:***

The Candidate must submit the following documents to the Commission during the Commission Nomination:

1. A copy of a National Identity Card/valid Passport (the document used by the candidate to register as a voter)
2. A Passport size photograph with white background submitted in hard and soft copy.
3. If a Party Candidate, a Nomination Certificate from a fully registered political party nominating the candidate, duly signed by an authorized official of the party
4. A duly signed and dated Code of Conduct (Second Schedule of the Elections Act, 2011)
5. A duly filled Commission Nomination Form, including an original Statutory Declaration Form for purposes of nomination (Regulation 18(3) Elections (General) Regulations, 2012) and an original Self-Declaration Form (Regulation 46 of Elections (General) Regulations, 2012)
6. For an Independent Candidate:
  - (a) A Clearance Certificate from the Registrar of Political Parties certifying that the person was not a member of any political party for the last 3 months before the elections; i.e. as at December 4, 2012 (Regulation 15(a) (General) Regulations, 2012)
  - (b) A soft and a hard copy of a list of at least 1000 supporters in the prescribed form, submitted to the Commission.
  - (c) A duly filled Form of Intention to Contest in the prescribed form (Regulation 15(b) (General) Regulations, 2012)

- (d) A symbol the candidate intends to use during the election, which has been approved by the Commission
- (e) Establish and maintain a functioning office in the respective electoral area where the candidate is contesting, which must be available for inspection by the Commission at least 45 days before the elections. The address, including the physical address of the office must be communicated to the Commission.

7. Nomination fees in a Banker's Cheque payable to IEBC:

- Kshs. 20,000 for candidates
- Kshs. 10,000 for a candidate who is a youth, a woman or a person with a disability

***E. Candidate for County Assembly Ward Election***

***Qualifications:***

1. Must be a Kenyan citizen for at least 10 years before the election
2. Must be a registered voter
3. Must not owe allegiance to a foreign state
4. Is nominated by a Political Party or is an independent candidate

***Requirements:***

The Candidate must submit the following documents to the Commission during the Commission Nomination:

1. A copy of a National Identity Card/valid Passport (the document used by the candidate to register as a voter)
2. A Passport size photograph with white background submitted in hard and soft copy.
3. If a Party Candidate, a Nomination Certificate from a fully registered political party nominating the candidate, duly signed by an authorized official of the party
4. A duly signed and dated Code of Conduct (Second Schedule of the Elections Act, 2011)
5. A duly filled Commission Nomination Form, including an original Statutory Declaration Form for purposes of nomination (Regulation 18(3) Elections (General) Regulations, 2012) and an original Self-Declaration Form (Regulation 46 of Elections (General) Regulations, 2012)
6. For an Independent Candidate:
  - (a) A Clearance Certificate from the Registrar of Political Parties certifying that the person was not a member of any political party for the last 3 months before the elections; i.e. as at 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 (Regulation 15(a) (General) Regulations, 2012)
  - (b) A soft and a hard copy of a list of at least 500 supporters in the prescribed form, submitted to the Commission.

- (c) A duly filled Form of Intention to Contest in the prescribed form (Regulation 15(b) (General) Regulations, 2012
- (d) A symbol the candidate intends to use during the election, which has been approved by the Commission
- (e) Establish and maintain a functioning office in the respective electoral area where the candidate is contesting, which must be available for inspection by the Commission at least 45 days before the elections. The address, including the physical address of the office must be communicated to the Commission

7. Nomination fees in a Banker's Cheque payable to IEBC:

- Kshs. 5,000 for candidates.
- Kshs. 2,500 for a candidate who is a youth, a woman or a person with a disability.

***F. General Requirements for Independent Candidates (Regulation 39 of the Election(General) Regulations, 2012)***

A nomination paper submitted by an Independent Candidates to the Commission shall;

- a) Contain the candidate's name as it appears in the Register of Voters
- b) Be signed by the candidate, proposer and seconded who shall be voters registered in the respective electoral area
- c) The Proposer and Secunder shall not be members of any political party
- d) Show the respective electoral area for the proposer and Secunder
- e) Be delivered to the returning officer personally by the candidates himself or herself or by a person authorised by the candidates on the date set for nominations for that election.

***G. Qualifications for Nominees of Party Lists under Articles 97(1) (c) and 98 (1) (b), (c) and (d), and for the members of county assemblies under Article 177 (1) (b) and (c)***

- (a) Nominee to the National Assembly -
- (b) Nominee to the Senate
- (c) Youth Nominee to the Senate
- (d) Persons with Disability Nominee to the Senate
- (e) Marginalized Group Nominee to the County Assembly
- (f) Gender Special Seats Nominee to the County Assembly (For Gender Top Up)

***Qualifications:***

1. Must be a Kenyan citizen for at least 10 years before the election
2. Must be a registered voter
3. Must not owe allegiance to a foreign state

4. Certification of Disability from the relevant institution as prescribed by the Commission.

***Requirements:***

A Political Party must submit the following documents to the Commission during the Commission Nomination:

1. Party Lists containing nominees appointed in accordance with Articles 97(1)(c), 98(1)(b), (c) and 177(1)(c) and (c) of the Constitution in the manner prescribed by the Commission and authorized by signatories of the nominating Political Party
2. Duly signed copies of Letters of Acceptance of the Nominees
3. Certified copies of educational qualification certificates of the Nominees (WHERE APPLICABLE), including a Diploma certificate or other post secondary qualification acquired after a period of three months recognized by the relevant Ministry in accordance with Section 22(1)(b) of the Elections Act, 2011 and Regulation 47 of Elections (General) Regulations, 2012.

*Where the body that issued the certificate is not based in Kenya, a certified copy of the certificate must be submitted which must be authenticated and or equated by the Kenya National Examination Council in case of Form 4 certificates, or the Commission of Higher Education, in case of University Degrees.*