



REPUBLIC OF KENYA



REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTIVE POSITIONS IN KENYA 2022

Presidential candidate

Qualifications:

- Must be a Kenyan citizen by birth;
- Is qualified to stand for election as a member of Parliament;
- Must not owe allegiance to a foreign state;
- Must be a registered voter;
- Is a holder of a degree from a University recognized in Kenya;
- Is nominated by a Political Party or is an independent candidate;
- Must not be a public officer or acting in any State of public office other than, President, Deputy President or Member of Parliament;
- Must meet the moral and ethical requirements under the Leadership and Integrity Act;
- Must not hold dual citizenship unless citizenship of the other country has been obtained by operation of law without capacity to opt out;
- Must not be an undischarged bankrupt;
- Must not be a person of unsound mind;
- Must not be subject to a sentence of imprisonment of at least six months from the date of registration of candidates or date of elections. However this disqualification is applied only if all possibility of appeal or review have been exhausted;
- Must not have been found after due process, to have abused or misused state or public office or contravened Chapter Six of the Constitution; and
- Must not have been dismissed or removed from public office (including by impeachment) for contravening the provisions of Articles 75, 76, 77 and 78 of the Constitution;

Requirements:

(All requirements for President apply to the Deputy President)

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

- Certified copies of educational qualification certificates, including a Degree Certificate in accordance with Section 22 of the Elections Act, 2011 and Regulation 7 of Elections (General) Regulations, 2012.
- A copy of a National Identity Card/valid Passport (the document used by the candidate to register as a voter).
- A Passport size photograph with white background submitted in hard and soft copy.

- 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.
- A duly signed and dated Code of Conduct (Second Schedule of the Elections Act, 2011)
- 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).
- 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 counties in the prescribed form.
- Nomination fees in a Banker's Cheque payable to IEBC:
 - 200,000 for candidates
 - 100,000 for a candidate who is a youth, a woman or a person with a disability.

For an Independent Candidate:

- 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; (Regulation 15(a) (General) Regulations, 2012.
- An electronic and a printed copy of a list of at least 2000 supporters (who must be registered voters) from each of the majority of the counties in the prescribed form, submitted to the Commission.
- A duly filled Form of Intention to Contest, prescribed by the Commission.
- A symbol the candidate intends to use during the election, which has been approved by the Commission 21 days before Nomination day.
- 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.

Governor

Qualifications:

- Must have been Kenyan citizens for at least 10 years immediately preceding the date of elections ;
- Must not owe allegiance to a foreign state;
- Must be eligible for election as a member of the county assembly;
- Must be a registered voter;
- Is a holder of a degree from a University recognized in Kenya;
- Is nominated by a Political Party or is an independent candidate;
- Must meet the statutory moral and ethical requirements under the Leadership and Integrity Act;
- Must not be a public officer or acting in any State of public office other than a member of the County Assembly;
- Must not hold dual citizenship unless citizenship of the other country has been obtained by operation of law without capacity to opt out;

- Must not be an undischarged bankrupt;
- Must not be a person of unsound mind;
- Must not be subject to a sentence of imprisonment of at least six months from the date of registration of candidates or date of elections. However this disqualification is applied only if all possibility of appeal or review have been exhausted.
- Must not have been found after due process, to have abused or misused state or public office or contravened Chapter Six of the Constitution; and
- Must not have been dismissed or removed from public office (including by impeachment) for contravening the provisions of Articles 75, 76, 77 and 78 of the Constitution.

(All requirement for County Governor apply to the Deputy Governor)

Requirements:

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

- 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.
- A copy of a National Identity Card/valid Passport (the document used by the candidate to register as a voter)
- A Passport size photograph with white background submitted in hard and soft copy.
- 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
- A duly signed and dated Code of Conduct (Second Schedule of the Elections Act, 2011)
- 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)
- Nomination fees in a Banker's Cheque payable to IEBC:
 - 50, 000 for candidates.
 - 25,000 for a candidate who is a youth, a woman or a person with a disability.

For an Independent Candidate:

- 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; (Regulation 15(a) (General) Regulations, 2012.
- An electronic and a printed copy of a list of at least 500 supporters, who must be registered voters in the county, in the prescribed form, submitted to the Commission.
- A duly filled Form of Intention to Contest, prescribed by the Commission.
- A symbol the candidate intends to use during the election, which has been approved by the Commission.

- 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.

Senate

Qualifications:

- Must have been a Kenyan citizen for at least 10 years immediately before the date of election;
- Must not owe allegiance to a foreign state;
- Must be a registered voter;
- Is nominated by a Political Party or is an independent candidate;
- Must meet the statutory moral and ethical requirements under the Leadership and Integrity Act;
- Must not be a public officer or acting in any State of public office other than a Member of Parliament;
- Must not hold dual citizenship unless citizenship of the other country has been obtained by operation of law without capacity to opt out;
- Must not be an undischarged bankrupt;
- Must not be a person of unsound mind;
- Must not be subject to a sentence of imprisonment of at least six months from the date of registration of candidates or date of elections. However this disqualification is applied only if all possibility of appeal or review have been exhausted.
- Must not have been found, after due process to have abused or misused state or public office or contravened Chapter Six of the Constitution; and
- Must not have been dismissed or removed from public office, including by impeachment, for contravening the provisions of Articles 75, 76, 77 and 78 of the Constitution

Requirements:

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

- A copy of a National Identity Card/valid Passport (the document used by the candidate to register as a voter)
- A Passport size photograph with white background submitted in hard and soft copy.
- 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
- A duly signed and dated Code of Conduct (Second Schedule of the Elections Act, 2011)
- 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)
Nomination fees in a Banker's Cheque payable to IEBC:
 - 50,000 for candidates
 - Kshs. 25,000 for a candidate who is a youth, a woman or a person with a disability

For an Independent Candidate

- 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;(Regulation 15(a) (General) Regulations, 2012
- An electronic and a printed copy soft and a hard copy of a list of at least 2000 supporters who must be registered voters in the County in the prescribed form, submitted to the Commission.
- A duly filled Form of Intention to Contest submitted to the Commission in the prescribed form,
- A symbol the candidate intends to use during the election, which has been approved by the Commission
- 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.

MCA

Qualifications:

- Must have been a Kenyan citizen for at least 10 years immediately before the date of election;
- Must be a registered voter;
- Must not owe allegiance to a foreign state;
- Is nominated by a Political Party or is an independent candidate;
- Must meet the statutory moral and ethical requirements under the Leadership and Integrity Act;
- Must not be a public officer or acting in any State of public office other than a Member of the County Assembly;
- Must not hold dual citizenship unless citizenship of the other country has been obtained by operation of law without capacity to opt out;
- Must not be an undischarged bankrupt;
- Must not be a person of unsound mind;
- Must not be subject to a sentence of imprisonment of at least six months from the date of registration of candidates or date of elections. However this disqualification is applied only if all possibility of appeal or review have been exhausted.
- Must not have been found after due process, to have abused or misused state or public office or contravened Chapter Six of the Constitution; and

- Must not have been dismissed or removed from public office for contravening the provisions of Articles 75, 76, 77 and 78 of the Constitution, including by impeachment.
- Nomination fees in a Banker's Cheque payable to IEBC:
 - 5,000 for candidates.
 - 2,500 for a candidate who is a youth, a woman or a person with a disability.

Requirements:

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

- A copy of a National Identity Card/valid Passport (the document used by the candidate to register as a voter)
- A Passport size photograph with white background submitted in electronic and printed copy.
- If a Party Candidate, a Nomination Certificate from a fully registered political party nominating the candidate, duly signed by an authorized official(s) of the party. A duly signed and dated Code of Conduct (Second Schedule of the Elections Act, 2011)
- 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)

For an Independent Candidate

- 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; (Regulation 15(a) (General) Regulations, 2012.
- An electronic and printed copy of a list of at least 500 supporters (who must be registered voters in the CAW) in the prescribed form, submitted to the Commission.
- A duly filled Form of Intention to Contest submitted to the Commission in the prescribed form.
- A symbol the candidate intends to use during the election, which has been approved by the Commission.
- 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

Independent candidates

General Requirements

- 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; refer to timelines (Regulation 15(a) (General) Regulations, 2012
- A soft and a hard copy of a list of at least 2000 supporters for President, 500 supporters for Governor, 2000 supporters for Senate, 1000 supporters for National Assembly (including Woman County Representatives) and 500 supporters for Member of County Assembly in the prescribed form, submitted to the Commission. These supporters must be registered voters in the respective electoral area
- A duly filled Form of Intention to Contest in the prescribed form (Regulation 15(b) (General) Regulations, 2012
- A symbol the candidate intends to use during the election, which has been approved by the Commission 21 days before Commission Day
- 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

Requirements

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

- Contain the candidate's name as it appears in the Register of Voters.
- Be signed by the candidate, proposer and seconded who shall be voters registered in the respective electoral area.
- The Proposer and Secunder shall not be members of any political party
- 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.

Nominees to party lists

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) The following:

- Nominees to the National Assembly -
- Nominees to the Senate
- Youth Nominees to the Senate
- Persons with Disability Nominees to the Senate
- Marginalized Group Nominees to the County Assembly
- Gender Special Seats Nominees to the County Assembly (For Gender Top Up)

Qualifications:

- Must have been a Kenyan citizen for at least 10 years immediately before the date of election;
- Must be a registered voter;
- Must not owe allegiance to a foreign state;
- Certification of Disability where applicable, from the relevant institution as prescribed by the Commission;
- Must meet the statutory moral and ethical requirements under the Leadership and Integrity Act;
- Must not be a public officer or acting in any State of public office other than a Member of the County Assembly or National Assembly as the case may be.
- Must not hold dual citizenship unless citizenship of the other country has been obtained by operation of law without capacity to opt out;
- Must not be an undischarged bankrupt;
- Must not be a person of unsound mind;
- Must not be subject to a sentence of imprisonment of at least six months from the date of registration of candidates or date of elections. However this disqualification is applied only if all possibility of appeal or review have been exhausted.
- Must not have been found after due process, to have abused or misused state or public office or contravened Chapter Six of the Constitution; and
- Must not have been dismissed or removed from public office for contravening the provisions of Articles 75, 76, 77 and 78 of the Constitution, including by impeachment.

Requirements:

A Political Party must submit the following documents to the Commission during the date set for delivery of party lists to the Commission:

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 by authorized signatories of the nominating Political Party.
2. Duly signed copies of Letters of Acceptance executed by the Nominees.

We are glad to serve you.

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