

2020 Legislative Council General Election
Points to Note for Submission of Nomination Forms

1. Nomination form is available free of charge at the District Offices, the offices of the Returning Officers (“ROs”) or the offices of the Registration and Electoral Office (“REO”) at 10/F, Harbour Centre, 25 Harbour Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong or Unit 2301-03, 23/F, Millennium City 6, 392 Kwun Tong Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon. It can also be downloaded from the REO’s website (www.reo.gov.hk).
2. The nomination period will run from 18 July 2020 until 31 July 2020 (both days inclusive), and the ROs will receive nominations between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays and between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Saturdays. Candidate / Candidate(s) on a list of candidates must submit his/her/their nomination form within the nomination period. Late submission will not be accepted.
3. Candidate must submit his/her nomination form in person to the RO for the relevant constituency (in case of a list of candidates, by one of the candidates). If a candidate / all candidate(s) on a list of candidates cannot submit the nomination form in person (e.g. because of the candidate’s temporary absence from Hong Kong, incapacity due to illness or under quarantine requirement or medical surveillance of the Government), he/she must obtain the Chief Electoral Officer’s authorisation to submit the nomination form by an authorised representative. The application shall clearly state the name(s) of the candidate / all candidate(s) on a list of candidates and the constituency concerned, the reason for not being able to submit the nomination form in person (with documentary proof if available), and the full name and Hong Kong Identity Card number of the proposed authorised representative (as shown on the Hong Kong Identity Card). The application should be submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer by fax (fax no.: 2503 9062) or e-mail to “nomination@reo.gov.hk”.
4. Candidate is strongly advised to submit his/her nomination form as early as practicable so that any mistakes found in his/her nomination form can be rectified before the end of the nomination period.
5. Due to limited space in the RO’s office, each candidate / list of candidates shall only be accompanied by **one companion** during submission of the nomination form (that is, not more than the candidate / candidate(s) on the list of candidates plus one person).
6. In the course of accepting a nomination form by the RO, all persons present at or entering the RO’s office must **observe the following rules** and follow the instructions of the RO or his/her authorised officers:
 - (a) *To ensure public safety at the RO’s office, no person shall bring into, use or display in the RO’s office any article which RO or his/her authorised officers consider(s) that may cause nuisance, inconvenience, disturbance, interference, obstruction or danger to other persons (including but not limited to, luggage, helmet, loudhailers, sound emitting objects) or publicity materials of any kind (including banners, bunting flyers).*
 - (b) *Shouting, yelling or any activities that would cause nuisance to other parties are prohibited in the RO’s office.*
 - (c) *Smoking, eating, drinking, photo-taking, sound/video-recording and live/relay broadcast are prohibited in the RO’s office.*
 - (d) *Persons entering or present at the RO’s office shall not deliberately cause obstruction at points of entry or exit, nor shall they impede, obstruct or detrimentally affect the flow of pedestrians or traffic outside the office.*
 - (e) *Found property will be handled by security staff, RO or his/her authorised officers or the Police without further notice.*
 - (f) *Should there be any imminent threat of a breach of the peace and / or any act contrary to the Laws of Hong Kong, enforcement action may be taken by the Police as they see fit.*

7. In view of public health considerations, the following prevention and crowd management measures will be implemented:
- (a) *All persons entering the RO's office are required to wear a surgical mask all the time, except that the candidate is required to temporarily remove his/her mask for the purpose of verification of identity.*
 - (b) *Please use hand sanitiser upon entering the RO's office.*
 - (c) *All persons entering the RO's office are required to have their body temperature taken. No one is allowed to enter the office if he/she shows signs of fever (i.e. temperature higher than 38°C).*
 - (d) *Necessary queuing and other crowd management measures, as well as security controls to limit the number of persons entering and staying in the RO's office at the same time, will be put in place as appropriate.*
 - (e) *All persons subject to quarantine requirement or medical surveillance of the Government should not come to the RO's office.*

Note: Candidate having fever or respiratory tract infection symptoms or being subject to quarantine requirement or medical surveillance of the Government may apply to the Chief Electoral Officer for authorisation to submit the nomination form by an authorised representative. Please refer to item 3 above for details.

8. RO or his/her authorised officers shall ask any person who does not observe the aforesaid rules or follow the instructions of the RO or his/her authorised officers to leave the RO's office immediately.
9. The RO and/or REO hereby reserve(s) the right to amend these "Points to Note" any time as he/she/it sees appropriate.
10. For enquiries, please call the Enquiry Hotline of the REO on 2891 1001.

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