



FACT SHEET

Candidates: How to Nominate

Non-party and Groups for the Legislative Council

Running for office in Western Australia is a rewarding way to contribute to the democratic process and represent the voices of constituents. Whether you're an experienced or a first-time Candidate, this fact sheet will help you navigate the steps to nominate yourself or a Group in the upcoming state election.

**Nominations open Thursday 6 February 2025 and close
Thursday 13 February 2025 at 12 pm** for Non-party Candidates (including Groups).



How to nominate

Non-party and Group nominations are to be made to Returning Officer for the Legislative Council **Louise Foppoli**.

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Non-party Candidates not planning on forming a Group can submit their nomination to any District Returning Officer for the Legislative Assembly, for provision to the Returning Officer for the Legislative Council.



Nomination deposit details

- The nomination deposit is \$2,000 per Candidate or capped at \$10,000 for Candidates in a Group.
- Preferred payment is via electronic funds transfer (EFT) to be made at least 24 hours before close of nominations.
- Deposits will be returned to Candidates who are elected or achieve 4% of the primary vote or, if the Candidate is in a Group, 4% in favour of the members of that Group.



Supporter Declaration

- To register as a Non-party Candidate, you must submit a minimum 250 signed declarations from supporters.
- Supporters must be entitled to vote in the election and must not be supporting any other non-party Candidate.

- The Commission recommends early submission of non-party nominations to allow for supporter declaration review.
- A supporter declaration cannot be accepted unless the supporter's details provided match the details on the electoral roll.
- Where a supporter declaration is accepted, it will be later rejected if a subsequent Candidate lodges a supporter declaration from the same elector.
- If fewer than 250 supporters are verified, either initially or subsequently due to supporters requiring removal, the nomination will be rejected or cancelled and deposit forfeited.
- If a nomination is rejected or cancelled, the Candidate may reapply prior to close of nominations.



Groups

A feature of forming a group with five or more candidates is that the group qualifies to have a voting square printed above the line on the ballot paper.

Where a Candidate intends to be part of a Legislative Council Group, the nomination form and application for Grouping must be submitted to the Legislative Council Returning Officer.

After submitting a Group claim, no additional Candidates can be added. To make changes, the Group claim must be withdrawn, resulting in the forfeit of the deposit.



Once you become a Candidate, here's what to do next.

Read through the [Candidates Guide – Legislative Council](#) to familiarise yourself with what is involved in becoming a Candidate.

You will be subject to disclosure obligations in relation to gifts and expenditure. Please read the Funding and Disclosure Guidelines [HERE](#).

Electoral expenditure is also subject to a cap during the election period. Find caps on expenditure [HERE](#).

Familiarise yourself with your other obligations, including How-to-vote card registration and election campaign worker conduct.



Forms

- [Eligibility Guide for Membership of State Parliament](#)
- [Candidates Guide - Legislative Council](#)
- [RO019 – Nomination form and receipt - Legislative Council](#)
- [RO019A - Declaration in Support of a Nomination](#)
- [RO019B - Legislative Council Non-party Candidate - supporter Details](#)
- [RO020 – Supplementary Nomination Details for Candidates and Groups – Legislative Council](#)
- [RO021 Withdrawal of Claim for Grouping Candidates - Legislative Council](#)

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