

Statement by the Chairperson of the Electoral Commission

Mr Suresh Chandra

Notice of Nominations

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Fellow Electoral Commissioners,
The Supervisor of Elections,
Invited Guests,
Members of the media,
Ladies and gentlemen;

Bula Vinaka and a very warm welcome to you all this morning.

Pursuant to section 22 of the Electoral Act 2014, and upon receipt of the Writ for the 2018 General Election of Members of Parliament, the Electoral Commission hereby provides notice that the nomination period for the receipt of nomination of candidates for the 2018 General Election shall be from 8am on the 2nd October to 12 noon on the 15th of October, 2018 and the place for receipt of nominations shall be the Fijian Elections Office situated at 59 - 63 High Street, Toorak, Suva.

There will be two types of nomination forms for the 2018 General Election.

Form one [1] is for Independent Candidate nominations and Form two [2] is for Political Party Candidate nominations. Both of these forms can be accessed from the Fijian Elections Office website: www.feo.org.fj/about-us/forms/

Ladies and gentlemen, nomination forms are to be accompanied with deposits of \$1,000.00 for each Party Candidate and \$1,000.00 for each Independent candidate.

Those who wish to register their nomination as an Independent Candidate must also present a list of 1000 supporters in the approved form along with their nomination form.

Any candidate who wishes to withdraw his or her nomination form, can do so by providing a written notice to the Supervisor of Elections no later than 12pm on 16th October, 2018.

During the Nominations Period, the Supervisor of Elections will check all applications for compliance and decide whether an Independent Nomination or Party Nomination has met all the criteria in order to be approved as a Candidate for the 2018 General Election.

The approved List of Candidates for the 2018 General Election will then be displayed at the place of nomination on 16th October.

Following this, objections to any candidate nominations and appeals to the decision of the Supervisor of Elections must be received by the Electoral Commission at 59-63 High Street, Toorak, Suva no later than 4.00pm on 16th October, 2018.

Once these requirements have been met and any Objections and Appeals appropriately dealt with, the FEO will proceed with the National Candidates List Ball Draw to allocate individual numbers to approved candidates.

Thank you very much and Vinaka Vakalevu.