
ELECTORAL ACT 2014
Nomination of Candidates Rules 2026

Rules adopted by the Electoral Commission under section 155(1) of the Electoral Act 2014.

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Part 1 – Preliminary Provisions

1. Short Title and Commencement

- (1) These Rules may be cited as the Nomination Rules 2026.
- (2) These Nomination Rules come into effect on 29 July 2026.

2. Definitions

- (1) In these Nomination Rules, unless a contrary intention appears:
 - “Act” means the Electoral Act 2014;
 - “Commission” means the Electoral Commission as set out in section 75 of the Constitution of the Republic of Fiji 2013; and
 - “Supervisor” means the Supervisor of Elections appointed under section 76 of the Constitution.
- (2) In these Nomination Rules, unless a contrary intention appears words not defined in subrule (1) have the same meaning as defined in the Act.

3. Purpose

- (1) These Nomination Rules are adopted under section 155(1) of the Electoral Act 2014 to complement the provisions in Part 3, Division 1 of the Act pertaining to nomination of candidates and associated matters.

4. Application

- (1) These Nomination Rules are to be read together with the Act. In the event of any inconsistency, the Act shall prevail.

Part 2 – Nominations

5. Nomination of party candidates

- (1) Section 26(8) of the Act requires a party candidate to sign the party list in order to provide their consent to inclusion on the party list, and section 26(13) provides that a nomination must not be rejected because of any defect or error if section 26 has been substantially complied with.
- (2) Where a party candidate does not sign on the party list, substantial compliance with section 26(8) is achieved by the candidate signing a

Declaration and Consent By Party Candidate in the form approved by the Commission.

6. Filing objections and appeals

- (1) In accordance with sections 30 and 31 of the Act, objections to nominations and appeals on nominations must be filed with the Commission by 4.00pm on the day after the close of nominations.
- (2) For the avoidance of doubt, objections and appeals may be filed with the Commission before the close of nominations¹:
 - (a) An intending candidate may file an appeal once they have received the written decision of the Supervisor that their nomination has not been accepted.
 - (b) A registered voter may file an objection once the Supervisor has displayed or published the candidate nomination that they object to and, to facilitate this, nominations will be progressively displayed or published once they have been accepted by the Supervisor (in addition to being displayed and published after the close of nominations in accordance with section 29 of the Act).

7. Amending party lists

- (1) For the avoidance of doubt, section 26(9) of the Act applies once a party list has been delivered to the Supervisor. Therefore a party candidate is deemed to have made their nomination at that time.
- (2) Once a party list is delivered to the Supervisor, in accordance with section 28 of the Act only a candidate may withdraw their nomination.
- (3) If the Supervisor does not accept the nomination of a party candidate, the political party must not replace the name of the candidate on its party list unless:
 - (a) the party has provided the candidate a copy of the decision of the Supervisor; and
 - (b) the candidate:
 - (i) has not, within 3 days (72 hours) of receiving the copy of the Supervisor's decision, filed an appeal to the Commission; or
 - (ii) filed an appeal to the Commission, and the Commission upheld the decision of the Supervisor; or
 - (iii) has given the political party written notice that they do not intend to appeal the decision of the Supervisor.

¹ For the Objections and Appeals process, see the Adjudication Rules 2026, and the Objection to Nomination Rules 2026 or the Appeal Rejection of Nomination Rules 2026

- (4) If before the close of nominations a political party wishes to amend its party list, and that amendment includes the removal or replacement of the name of a candidate, the party must deliver to the Supervisor:
 - (a) the proposed amended party list, and the relevant documentation and fees for the nomination of any additional candidate; and
 - (b) either:
 - (i) the written notice of the candidate withdrawing their nomination; or
 - (ii) evidence of compliance with subrule (3).
- (5) Despite that an objection to a nomination may be upheld by the Commission before the close of nominations, in accordance with section 30(9) of the Act, no new nomination may be made to replace the candidate objected to.
- (6) Despite that the Commission may disqualify a candidate under section 33 of the Act before the close of nominations, in accordance with section 33(3) of the Act, no new nomination may be made to replace the disqualified candidate.
- (7) Subrules (3), (5) and (6) do not prevent a political party amending its party list, before the close of nominations, to add the names of further candidates if that party has not already nominated the maximum number of candidates permissible under the Act.