

## **CANDIDATE NOMINATION BOOKLET – COLLECTING SIGNATURES ELECTRONICALLY FROM NOMINATORS**

Under the *Election Act*, every candidate nomination package must be accompanied with at least 75 nominations from the electoral district. In order to be qualified to nominate a candidate, an individual must:

- be a Canadian citizen,
- be at least 18 years of age,
- be a resident of the electoral district,
- be eligible to vote,
- have been a resident of B.C. for the immediately preceding six months, and
- not nominate more than one candidate

Elections BC provides a form for candidates to collect nominations as part of the [candidate nomination booklet](#).

While the nominations must be provided in writing, there is no requirement for nominations to all be provided using a “wet ink” signature, or that all nominations must be provided on the same form.

Where in-person nominations are not practical, such as individuals who live in rural areas or to reduce potential exposure to COVID-19, this form can be provided to qualified individuals who wish to nominate a candidate. The nomination form can be completed by the nominator and returned to the candidate by email or mail/courier so that it can be included as part of the candidate nomination package.

To help facilitate this, the nominator form has been made “form fillable”, allowing individuals to complete the candidate nomination form electronically. The tool used to provide an e-signature is up to the nominator. However, the e-signature must bear an image of a nominator’s usual signature. For example, a nominator could digitally apply an image of their usual signature using Adobe Reader’s Fill and Sign functionality. Please note that Elections BC is not an administrator of Adobe and cannot provide technical assistance for this program. For more information about Adobe products, please visit: <http://www.adobe.com>.

Nominator forms returned to the candidate that are completed with a nominator’s name, address and signature **must not** be forwarded to other nominators, and should stay in the custody of the candidate.

Candidates are responsible to:

- Ensure they collect sufficient signatures to meet the legislated requirements. In order to facilitate this, the candidate may have between 8 and 75 nominator forms attached to their candidate nomination booklet.

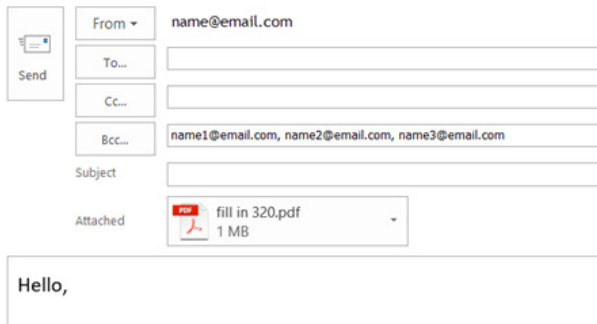
Note: It is recommended to have more than 75 nominators to ensure that enough valid signatures are obtained. Elections BC reviews the nomination information to ensure nominators are eligible, and some may be determined invalid during this process.

- Submit all the nominator forms as part of the complete candidate nomination package.

**Reminder:** Candidate nomination documents, including the nominator information, are available for public inspection for one year after the election. If nominators do not want their residential address to be publically available, they must indicate this on the form.

### Steps to collect nominator signatures:

1. Save a copy of the [candidate nomination booklet](#) and complete with the candidate information. For convenience, we recommend entering information into the candidate nomination booklet's fillable fields using a device with a keyboard (e.g. a computer).
2. Share the completed candidate nomination booklet with qualified nominators, requesting that they complete, sign and return page 11 (Nominator form).
3. If sending to multiple email addresses, ensure you protect the privacy of each nominator. For example, you can enter email addresses in the BCC (blind carbon copy) field. Also, ensure the page being sent does not contain personal information of others.



Send

From ▾ name@email.com

To...

Cc...

Bcc... name1@email.com, name2@email.com, name3@email.com

Subject

Attached

PDF fill in 320.pdf  
1 MB

Hello,

4. The nominator fills out the form, applies their e-signature, and emails it back to you or, the nominator can print the form, sign, scan, and then email back to you. If there is more than one qualified nominator available in that household, both nominators can sign the same nominator form (they do not need to submit separate forms).

**Warning:** signing a false statement is a serious offense and may be subject to significant penalties.



### NOMINATORS

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Attach as many pages as necessary to collect at least 75 nominations from voters for the electoral district

**\* Nominator declaration:**

I, nominate \_\_\_\_\_ (name of candidate), in \_\_\_\_\_ (electoral district) as a candidate for election as a Member of the Legislative Assembly. I declare that I am a qualified voter for this this electoral district, and have not and will not, nominate another individual in this election.

**\*\* Collecting oral nomination declaration:**

I declare that I have disclosed all required information to the individual making this nomination, that the individual making the nomination has read to me the required nominator declaration, and that all information I have collected and recorded in relation to the nomination is accurate. I am also aware that I must retain contact information for the nominator until the next election in that electoral district, and that this information may be requested by the Chief Electoral Officer for the purpose of conducting audits or investigations of any matter that might constitute a contravention of the *Election Act*.

DATE OF NOMINATION (YYYY/MM/DD)	FULL NAME OF NOMINATOR (PLEASE PRINT)	RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS OF NOMINATOR BLDG. # / STREET / CITY OR TOWN DO NOT USE MAILING ADDRESS	I request that my address be obscured from public inspection. <input type="checkbox"/>	For written declarations:	OR	For oral declarations:
				SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR I have read and agree to the nominator declaration above. (*)		NAME AND SIGNATURE OF ORAL NOMINATOR DECLARATION ADMINISTRATOR I have read and agree to the collecting of oral nomination declarations. (**)
			<input type="checkbox"/>			
			<input type="checkbox"/>			
			<input type="checkbox"/>			

5. You may have a single nominator on each page, or multiple nominators on each page. Use as many pages of this form as necessary. Before you submit your completed nominations package to Elections BC, please indicate the number of nominator signature pages in the top right corner.

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**IMPORTANT:**

- You must take reasonable precautions to protect the security and confidentiality of personal information.
- The obligation to ensure that nomination documents are complete and received in accordance with the *Election Act* rests with the individual nominated. If the nomination is incomplete at the end of the legislated filing period, the documents will not be returned and any deposit will be forfeited.

**NEW:**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and direction from the Provincial Health Officer for physical distancing, the Chief Electoral Officer has issued an order that allows for nomination declarations to be collected orally, as well as in writing. Collecting oral nomination will reduce the need for face-to-face contact. While the nominations may still be collected in-person or electronically, the additional option of collecting a nomination orally can now be used. Please see form [320C Collecting Signatures Orally](#) on our website for more information.