

CANDIDATE NOMINATION BOOKLET – COLLECTING NOMINATIONS ORALLY 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](#).

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 nominations will reduce the need for face-to-face contact. While the nominations may still be collected in-person or electronically (see form [320B Collecting Signatures Electronically](#)), the additional option of collecting a nomination orally can now be used. However, specific requirements for accepting oral nominations have been outlined in the Chief Electoral Officer's order as provided below.

For each oral nomination declaration, the individual accepting the oral nomination must:

- if they are not the candidate nominee, be authorized by the candidate nominee to accept oral nomination declarations on their behalf,
- indicate in the nomination documents that the declaration was made orally,
- record separately the contact information for the nominator, and retain this information until the next election in that electoral district, and
- sign a declaration that they have received the oral nomination declaration.

Steps to collect oral nominations:

1. Advise the nominator of: the name and residential address of the candidate nominee, the electoral district where they are seeking election, and as applicable, the name of the political party they will represent or their status as an independent candidate.
2. Confirm that the nominator is eligible to make the nomination declaration. A nominator must be a qualified voter for the electoral district, and cannot be a nominator for more than one candidate.
3. If the nominator consents to nominate the potential candidate, record their full name and residential address, as well as the date the oral nomination declaration was accepted. The individual recording the nomination must also collect and separately retain contact information for the nominator until the next election. The nominator contact information may be requested by Elections BC in order to validate oral nomination declarations, or in the event of an investigation into any matter that may be a contravention of the *Election Act*.
4. Indicate on the nomination form that the nomination declaration was received orally. Record the name of the individual who received the oral declaration, and then sign the declaration confirming that the nomination has been collected in compliance with legislated requirements.
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 and be sure to include it in your nominations package, as well as indicate the number of nominator pages in the top right corner.

For example:



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"/> | | | |
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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 publicly available, they must indicate this on the form.

Candidates are responsible to:

- Ensure they collect sufficient nominations 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 nominations 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.

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.