

## **ADVISORY TO CANDIDATES FOR GENERAL ELECTION 2015**

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For General Election 2015, Nomination Day is 1 September 2015 (Tuesday) and Polling Day is 11 September 2015 (Friday). This advisory to candidates covers updates to election processes and key points of note on nomination, campaigning, polling and counting activities.

### **1. Updates to election processes**

- 1.1. Candidates should note the following updates to election processes:
- (a) Inclusion of candidate photographs on the ballot paper (see section 5);
  - (b) Prohibition on use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) at Nomination Centres and election meeting sites (see paragraphs 8.5 and 9.9.3.4);
  - (c) Advice against negative campaigning (see paragraph 9.1.1);
  - (d) Increase of candidates' expenses limit (see paragraph 9.3.1);
  - (e) Reduction of prohibition zone for display of posters and banners near polling stations (see paragraph 9.8.3);
  - (f) Formulae for maximum number of posters and banners in each electoral division (See paragraph 9.8.4);
  - (g) Balloting methods for rally sites (see section 9.9.2);
  - (h) Persons permitted to speak at election meetings (see section 9.9.3);
  - (i) Arrangement for assembly centres to house supporters and other members of public while waiting for announcement of results on Counting Night (see section 9.9.5); and
  - (j) Procedure for candidates or polling agents to board vehicles transporting ballot boxes from polling stations to counting centres on Counting Night (See section 10.3).
- 1.2. The Elections Department has updated the Handbook for Parliamentary Election Candidates 2015 (i.e. Candidate Handbook), Guide for Parliamentary Election Polling Agents 2015 and Guide for Parliamentary Election Counting Agents 2015. These are available on the ELD website.
- 1.3. Candidates are also encouraged to utilise the Candidate e-Services on the ELD website. The services available are listed below (which will be available from the close of nomination proceedings, except for the first which will be available after the issue of Writ of Election):

- Check electoral division of proposer, seconder and assentors;
- Submit election office address;
- Submit list of persons authorised to conduct election activity;
- Submit declaration of internet election advertising platforms;
- Lodge posters and banners online; and
- Access maps showing prohibition zone for display of posters and banners.

1.4. For further queries, candidates and their election agents may contact ELD at candidates@eld.gov.sg. ELD office is located at 11 Prinsep Link, Singapore 187949. Operating hours are:

Monday to Friday : 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Saturday : 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

*(Closed on Sunday and Public Holiday.)*

## **2. Nomination Centre and Nomination Place**

2.1. The list of Nomination Centres (usually a school) for the respective electoral divisions is listed in **Annex**. The Nomination Place (usually the school hall) is where the nomination proceedings would take place and nomination papers will be received by the Returning Officer. Persons seeking candidature (candidates), their subscribers [i.e. a proposer, a seconder and assentors<sup>1</sup> for each candidate or (group of candidates) and one other person appointed by each candidate] and supporters may enter the Nomination Centres from 10 a.m. on Nomination Day.

2.2. Entry to the Nomination Place will be granted from 10.30 a.m. on Nomination Day. Only candidates and their subscribers can enter the Nomination Place.

2.3. Security measures and security checks will be conducted in and around the Nomination Centres. To ensure that their nomination papers are submitted in time, candidates are advised to come early and to avoid bringing sharp object(s), flammable liquids, bulky items or big bags.

## **3. Time for Nomination Proceedings**

3.1. Persons seeking candidature have only one hour to file their nomination papers with the Returning Officer in the Nomination Place.

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<sup>1</sup> To be nominated as a candidate, the nominee (or group of nominees) needs to be accompanied by at least 4 assentors whose names must appear in the current register of electors for the electoral division that he/she is contesting in.

3.2. Nomination proceedings will begin at 11 a.m. sharp. The time for accepting nominations will end at 12 noon sharp. No extension of time is allowed by law. Objections can be made to nominations filed from 11 a.m. From 12 noon until 12.30 p.m., only objections can be made but no nominations can be filed.

3.3. All timings will be according to the official clock in the school hall.

#### 4. How to be Nominated

4.1. All the following documents must be presented to the Returning Officer or his staff at the Nomination Place within the above said hour on Nomination Day:

- (a) Nomination Paper<sup>2</sup> [Form 9/9A] (*in duplicate; the duplicate copy may be in the form of photocopy of the original*) — ensure both documents are filled up legibly, completely and correctly and in English;
- (b) Political Donation Certificate issued by the Registrar of Political Donations (*in duplicate; the duplicate copy may be in the form of photocopy of the original*) — apply for this at the office of the Registrar of Political Donations at ELD not later than 28 August 2015 (Friday);
- (c) Receipt from the Accountant-General's Department (AGD) for election deposit paid; and
- (d) A certificate from either the Malay Community Committee or the Indian and other Minority Communities Committee relating to at least one member of the group, depending upon the designation of the GRC — *applicable for Group Representation Constituencies only*. Apply for this at the office of the Registrar of Political Donations at ELD not later than 28 August 2015 (Friday).

4.2. To be nominated as a candidate (or group of candidates), the nominee(s) must deliver all the above documents in person, and be accompanied by his/her subscribers whose names must appear in the current register of electors for the electoral division that he/she is contesting in.

4.3. The names on the nomination paper should correspond to those in the certified register of electors for the electoral division that the candidate (or group of candidates) is contesting in. Additional names may be accepted if these are in the NRIC or are supported by a deed poll, religious certificate (e.g. baptism certificate, Muslim conversion

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<sup>2</sup> Form 9 for Single Member Constituencies and Form 9A for Group Representation Constituencies.

certificate, Buddhist certificate), or a statutory declaration that these additional names are reputed names.

- 4.4. Candidates and their subscribers are reminded to arrive early and bring along their original NRIC (or passport) for identification purposes. The use of mobile phones, video-taking and photo-taking devices within the Nomination Place is strictly prohibited.
- 4.5. To facilitate the election process in the event it is contested, candidates should also submit the following forms at the Nomination Place before 12.30 p.m. on Nomination Day:
  - (a) Name for Ballot Paper — indicate which of his/her names mentioned in the nomination paper should be omitted, and which should be specified by initial only, in the ballot paper;
  - (b) Appointment of Election Agent [and Principal Election Agent (for GRCs)];
  - (c) Particulars of Election Agent [and Principal Election Agent (for GRCs)]; and
  - (d) Appointment of One Other Person.

## **5. Photograph on ballot paper**

- 5.1. Candidates should submit their photographs by 2 p.m. on Nomination Day (unless specified otherwise by the Returning Officer) and in conformance with the specifications stipulated by the Returning Officer for inclusion in the ballot paper. Otherwise, the space on the ballot paper for the candidate's photograph will state "No photo".
- 5.2. For Group Representation Constituencies, the photographs of the candidates in a group will be placed left to right in the order in which the names of the candidates appear on the ballot paper. If some but not all the candidates in the group submit their photograph, the ballot paper will contain the photographs of those candidates in the group who have submitted their photograph. "No photo" will be indicated in the designated space for the photograph of the remaining candidate(s) in that group.
- 5.3. The image of the candidate must allow voters to recognise the candidate for voting purposes and be in black and white. The photograph shall:
  - (a) be 400 pixels (width) by 514 pixels (height), and file size should be about 150KB in JPEG ('jpg' extension) format;
  - (b) be in sharp focus and clear with no ink marks or creases;

- (c) have a plain white background or, in the case where the candidate's hair, hat or head covering is white, a plain light grey background;
- (d) be taken with uniform lighting and not show any flash reflection or shadow on the candidate's face or any uneven bright spots or red eyes;
- (e) be taken recently;
- (f) show the candidate alone with no other persons visible;
- (g) show the candidate facing the camera, and if the candidate wears any glasses or other optical aid, show the candidate with no reflection off the glasses;
- (h) clearly show both edges of the candidate's face and the top of the candidate's shoulder;
- (i) not show the candidate wearing any hat or other head covering, other than a hat or other head covering which the candidate habitually wears for religious reasons or due to custom; and if any such hat or other head covering is worn, the photograph must still be a full frontal view of the candidate's head and shoulders, showing the candidate's facial features in its entirety and showing clearly both edges of the candidate's face; and
- (j) not show the candidate wearing any attire, hat or other covering which bears any symbol which is of any racial or religious significance.

5.4. For accuracy and consistency, candidates are advised to submit their photographs early. Candidates may submit their photographs from the point of application for the Political Donation Certificate, which must be at least 2 clear days before Nomination Day. The photograph should be submitted in soft copy in USB flash drive or CD-ROM (both not returnable). The filename of the photograph should be in this format: <<NRIC number of candidate>> separated by a hyphen <<name of candidate>>, e.g. S1234567A-Goh Kok Goi.jpg. Where multiple photographs are submitted together, the photograph of each candidate must be saved in separate files.

5.5. Candidates can also utilise the photo booths which will be set up at the Nomination Centres on Nomination Day if they are not able to submit their photographs in advance.

## **6. Election Deposit**

- 6.1. The Election Deposit payable by each candidate is \$14,500<sup>3</sup>.
- 6.2. Candidates need not wait till Nomination Day to pay the Election Deposit. Payment can be made after the writ of election has been issued until 12 noon on Nomination Day. Payment before Nomination Day can be made at the Accountant-General's Department (AGD), 100 High Street, #06-01, The Treasury, Singapore 179434. The working hours for AGD are from Monday to Friday, from 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., excluding public holidays. Alternatively, payment can be made at the Nomination Place on Nomination Day before 12 noon.
- 6.3. The Election Deposit must be paid in cash (legal tender), or by way of bank draft, or by a cheque that has been certified by the drawee bank as good for payment of the sum stated on it. Payment of the Election Deposit by any other mode (e.g. a personal cheque) is not acceptable.

## **7. Collection of Documents for Contested Elections**

- 7.1. If after the close of nominations, the election is contested, the Returning Officer will issue to every candidate the following election documents:
  - (a) Permit to display posters and banners in public places within the electoral division that the candidate or (group of candidates) is contesting in;
  - (b) Poster and banner official stamps<sup>4</sup>; and
  - (c) Lists of polling stations and electors' serial numbers.

## **8. Delivery of Speeches at the Close of Nomination Proceedings**

- 8.1. After candidates have collected the election documents described above, the Returning Officer will announce the results of the nomination proceedings and thereafter allow candidates to address their supporters at the designated open area outside the Nomination Place.
- 8.2. Each candidate (or group of candidates) may be accompanied by 2 other persons from the subscribers group for the delivery of the speech. Each candidate for SMC is allowed 1 minute to make his/her speech.

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<sup>3</sup> Please contact AGD at 6332-7619 if you have any queries concerning the payment of the election deposit. Election deposits will be refunded to candidates eligible for the refund via Inter-bank GIRO or cheque. Candidates are required to provide the election deposit refund details by filling up the enclosed form and submitting it at the point of placement of election deposit.

<sup>4</sup> The official stamps bear two letters to identify the electoral division in which the posters or banners are to be displayed as well as serial numbers.

Each group of candidates for GRC is allowed 3 minutes to make its speech.

- 8.3. Please note that the making of any other type of speech within or around the Nomination Centre will require a Police permit. Supporters of candidates must not display or exhibit any placards, flags or banners at the Nomination Centre before the close of nomination proceedings at 12.30 p.m.
- 8.4. Candidates will be allowed to join their supporters after all speeches have been delivered.
- 8.5. To ensure public safety, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) or drones should not be used at Nomination Centres. Police will not hesitate to take firm action against any person or group who endangers public safety.

## **9. Campaigning and Other Election Activities**

### **9.1. Campaigning**

- 9.1.1. Candidates should conduct election campaigning in a responsible and dignified manner that befits the seriousness of the election process. Candidates should steer away from negative campaigning practices based on hate and denigration of opposing candidates, and should not make false statements that allege corruption or commission of criminal offences, or statements that may cause racial or religious tensions or affect social cohesion. Egregious acts of negative campaigning could also be in breach of the law.

### **9.2. Using information in registers to communicate with electors**

- 9.2.1. Candidates may purchase a copy of the register of electors from the Elections Department and use the information recorded in the register only for communicating with electors. The information must not be used for commercial purposes. Candidates may disclose information recorded in the register to others only after obtaining their written acknowledgement that they are bound by the same restrictions on the use of information in the registers.
- 9.2.2. Candidates may also purchase the electoral maps in black and white from the Elections Department. Electoral maps in colour may be purchased from Singapore Land Authority (SLA).

9.3. Revision to Election Expenses Limit

9.3.1. The maximum spending limit will be raised from \$3.50 to \$4.00 for every elector on the register of electors for the electoral division that the candidate is seeking election to be a Member of Parliament.

9.3.2. If a candidate is contesting as part of a group of candidates in a GRC, the maximum spending limit per candidate in the group is determined as follows:

$$(\$4.00 \times E) \div C$$

Where E is the total number of electors in the register of electors for the GRC; and  
C is the number of candidates in the group.

9.3.3. The law imposes a ceiling on a candidate's election expenses, to ensure a level playing field. Spending in excess of the maximum amount in the law is an illegal practice.

9.4. Election Office and Persons Authorised to Conduct Election Activity

9.4.1. After close of nominations, candidates of contested constituencies must submit the addresses of their respective election offices and the particulars of persons authorised by them or their election agents to conduct election activity to the Returning Officer.

9.4.2. Each candidate or his/her election agent may open one election office per polling district in the constituency, but such an office must be outside a radius of 200 metres of any polling station.

9.4.3. Anyone who wants to conduct any election activity for a candidate must first be in possession of a written authorisation signed by the candidate or his/her election agent. Authorisations to conduct election activity can be issued only on or after Nomination Day.

9.4.4. However, the following persons are prohibited from taking part in any election activity:

- (a) A student attending a primary or secondary school;
- (b) A person who has an order of supervision made against him under the Criminal Law (Temporary Provisions) Act (Cap. 67);
- (c) An undischarged bankrupt; and
- (d) A non-citizen of Singapore.

9.4.5. The exception comprises workers (including Singapore Permanent Residents or work-pass holders) who carry out the following types of



manual work which is the subject of a contract for services between a candidate (or his/her election agent) and a person authorised to conduct election activities; these foreigners do not need written authorisation to conduct the following election activity:

- (a) Putting up election posters and banners, and taking them down; and
- (b) Setting up physical facilities (such as stages and tents) at rally sites and assembly centres, and dismantling them.

#### 9.5. “Published-by” Requirement for Election Advertising

9.5.1. Candidates are reminded that all election advertising that they wish to publish in print form must bear the name of the printer, publisher and the person at whose direction or for whom the election advertising is published:

- on the face of the printed document if it is a single-sided document; or
- on the first or last page of the printed document if the document has more than one side.

9.5.2. As for election advertising to be published on the Internet between the issue of the writ and the eve of polling day, the name of the publisher and the person at whose direction or for whom the election advertising is published must appear in the manner prescribed in the Parliamentary Elections (Election Advertising) Regulations.

#### 9.6. Exhibition and Distribution of Films

9.6.1. Candidates intending to exhibit or distribute physical films are required to first submit the films to the Media Development Authority (MDA) for classification. To facilitate the classification of films, candidates are reminded to submit films to the MDA as early as possible. Candidates are also reminded that the making, distribution and exhibition of party political films (PPFs) are disallowed. These include films that employ dramatization and/or animation to distort, sensationalise and mislead viewers on political matters.

9.6.2. However, Election Campaign Recordings (ERCs) may be exhibited and distributed on the Internet between 25 August 2015 and 9 September 2015 (both dates inclusive) without first being submitted to MDA for classification. ERCs are recordings:

- (a) that record live the whole or a material proportion of any lawfully held performance, assembly or procession which is in connection with any election activity and

does not depict any event, person or situation in a dramatic way; and

- (b) that do not contain any additions, omissions, substitutions or other modifications to those contents.

## 9.7. Internet Election Advertising

- 9.7.1. Every duly nominated candidate is required to declare to the Returning Officer the particulars of every Internet election advertising platform (e.g. podcasts, videocasts, blogs and social networking sites like Facebook) on which election advertising is or will be published by or on his/her behalf during the campaign period, which starts with the close of nomination proceedings on 1 September 2015 and ending on 9 September 2015 (before the eve of polling day).
- 9.7.2. The first declaration must be sent to the Returning Officer within 12 hours after the start of the campaign period. Thereafter, a declaration must be submitted to the Returning Officer at any time before the election advertising is so published during the campaign period by or on the candidate's behalf on any new platform.
- 9.7.3. Candidates may submit their declaration forms in hard copy or via the ELD website. Hard copy declaration forms may be submitted to the Returning Officer at the Nomination Place immediately after the close of nomination proceedings on Nomination Day, or by hand to the front counter of Elections Department (ELD), or fax them to 6332-3428 on or after 12.30 p.m. on Nomination Day.

## 9.8. Display of Posters and Banners

- 9.8.1. A copy of each poster and banner relating to the candidate must be lodged with the Returning Officer before display in any public place within the electoral division that the candidate (or group of candidates) is contesting in. This may be done in the form of a soft copy via SingPass authentication on the ELD website or in hard copy.
- 9.8.2. All such posters and banners displayed in public places, including party-wide posters and banners and party flags within the electoral division that the candidate (or group of candidates) is contesting in, must bear the official stamp issued by the Returning Officer, and the manner of display must comply with the Parliamentary Elections (Election Advertising) Regulations and the conditions listed in the Returning Officer's permit for such display of posters and banners.
- 9.8.3. At no time will posters and banners (including posters and flags displayed at political party premises) be allowed to be displayed within a radius of 50 metres from any polling station on Polling Day. For ease of

compliance, candidates may refer to the maps available on the ELD website.

9.8.4. The maximum number of posters and banners allowed is:

- 1 poster to every 50 electors in the register (rounded to nearest 100), subject to minimum of:
  - 500 per SMC,
  - 2,000 per 4-MP GRC,
  - 2,500 per 5-MP GRC, or
  - 3,000 per 6-MP GRC.
- 1 banner to every 5,000 electors in the register (rounded to whole number), subject to minimum of:
  - 5 per SMC,
  - 20 per 4-MP GRC,
  - 25 per 5-MP GRC, or
  - 30 per 6-MP GRC.

The sample format for printing the “published-by” requirement is as shown:

Printed by: [name of the person or company whose equipment is being used to print the material]

Published by: [name of candidate (or group of candidates), election agent, or political party who causes the material to be published]

Published for: [name of the candidate (or group of candidates) or political party to whom the material refers to]

\* In cases where the information on “Published by” and “Published for” is already clearly stated on the face of the printed election advertising, the “Published by” and “Published for” fields need not be filled up.

## 9.9. Election Meetings Permit

9.9.1. Election meetings or rallies may only be held with a permit, from 2 September 2015 to 9 September 2015. Applications for these permits may be submitted to the Police Elections Permits Office (PEPO)<sup>5</sup> Application for permits for vehicle processions may be made at the same time.

### 9.9.2. *Outdoor Rallies*

9.9.2.1. The list of designated outdoor rally sites will be announced by the Police at the end of nomination proceedings on 1 September 2015 (Tuesday).

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<sup>5</sup> The Police Elections Permits Office will be opened from 2 p.m. on Nomination Day and from 8.30 a.m. on other days of the campaigning period. For permit-related enquiries, please contact PEPO at 1800-2203370.

Police will adopt the ballot method to allocate rally sites. This is a change from previous General Elections when rally sites were allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

9.9.2.2. Upon the closing of the application window for election meeting permits each day, sites with a single application for a given timeslot will be allocated directly to the applicant. A ballot will be conducted for the allocation of meeting sites with multiple applications for a given timeslot.

9.9.2.3. To ensure contesting parties or Independent candidates have more opportunities to use their preferred rally sites on their preferred dates, a 'give-way' rule will be implemented. Parties that have been allocated a site will have to 'give way' to other applicants that apply for the same site at the same timeslot on the following day.

9.9.2.4. In addition, to ensure that every contesting party or Independent candidate in each constituency can hold at least one outdoor rally within the last two to three nights of campaigning, a 'block ballot' method will also be implemented in constituencies where the number of contesting parties or Independent candidates is more than the number of election rally sites. Under the 'block ballot' method, the last two to three nights for rally sites will be grouped together for application as a block. Contesting parties or Independent candidates can only apply for one site on one night within the block.

### 9.9.3. *New Permit Conditions in Election Meeting Permits*

9.9.3.1. There shall be no sharing of rallies nor rally sites amongst different contesting political parties or Independent candidates. Members of the Central Executive Committee or an equivalent governing body of a political party as well as candidate(s) from the same political party who are nominated in accordance with the provisions of the Parliamentary Elections Act (Cap 218) for election as a Member of Parliament for an electoral division shall only be permitted to speak at election meetings held by their own political party. They may not speak at elections meetings held by an Independent Candidate or another political party even if they are concurrently members (of any type) of that other political party. However, where a member of the Central Executive Committee member or an equivalent governing body of a political party has been nominated in accordance with the provisions of the Parliamentary Elections Act for election as a Member of Parliament for an electoral division as a candidate for another political party or as part of a group of Independent candidates, he may be permitted to speak at all elections meetings held by that other political party or that group of Independent candidates as the case may be.

9.9.3.2. An Independent candidate can only speak at election meetings for which a permit has been issued to him or his election agent. He will not be allowed to speak at election meetings held by political parties or

other Independent candidates contesting in the elections. However, where a member of the Central Executive Committee member or an equivalent governing body of a political party has been nominated in accordance with the provisions of the Parliamentary Elections Act for election as a Member of Parliament for an electoral division as a candidate for another political party or as part of a group of Independent candidates, he may be permitted to speak at all election meetings held by that other political party or at the election meetings held by that group of Independent candidates as the case may be.

9.9.3.3. Speakers are not to conceal their faces at any point of time when they are on the stage.

9.9.3.4. To ensure public safety, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) or drones should not be used at rallies and other election meetings. Police will not hesitate to take firm action against any person or group who endangers public safety.

#### 9.9.4. *Breach of Permit Conditions*

9.9.4.1. The breach of a permit condition is an offence for which the permit holder may be held responsible and action taken against. Candidates and their election agents are to read the permit conditions carefully and familiarise themselves with the conditions. They are to adhere strictly to the permit conditions. Police take a serious view of breaches of permit conditions. In the event of a breach, the permit holder will be held responsible and action will be taken against him. Depending on the nature, frequency and circumstances of the breach(es), such actions can range from warnings to composition fines to prosecution in Court.

#### 9.9.5. *Assembly Centres*

9.9.5.1. Candidates and their election agents are encouraged to arrange for their supporters and other members of the public to gather at designated assembly centres while waiting for the results of the votes cast to be announced on Counting Night. The allocation of outdoor assembly centre sites will be done via a ballot method.

9.9.5.2. Applications for indoor assembly centre sites will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The gathering of supporters, indoors or outdoors, without a permit may constitute an offence of unlawful assembly. The Police will not hesitate to take necessary action to maintain law and order.

## **10. Polling Agents**

### **10.1. Role of Polling Agents**

- 10.1.1. Polling agents must be appointed by candidates or their election agents. Their role is to observe that polling is carried out in accordance with the law.
- 10.1.2. A polling agent may do the following on Polling Day at the polling station he/she is authorised to be at:
  - (a) 7.50 a.m., 10 minutes before the start of poll at 8 a.m., be present at the polling station to observe the sealing of ballot boxes by Presiding Officers (POs);
  - (b) between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. when the poll is conducted, observe the polling procedure within the polling station; and
  - (c) after the close of poll at 8 p.m., witness the sealing of ballot boxes and election materials.

### **10.2. Number of Polling Agents**

- 10.2.1. For the polling in Singapore, each candidate or group of candidates (contesting in a GRC) may have only one polling agent to observe the polling procedures at each polling place in a polling station at any one time.
- 10.2.2. For polling overseas, every political party with candidate(s) standing for election and every Independent candidate may appoint one polling agent to be present at each overseas polling station regardless of the number of polling places in the overseas polling station.

### **10.3. Transportation of Sealed Ballot Boxes from the Polling Stations to the Counting Centres**

- 10.3.1. The candidate or his/her polling agent may observe the process to transport the sealed ballot boxes from the polling stations to the counting centres.
- 10.3.2. For polling stations that are co-located with or near the counting centres, the candidate or one of his/her polling agents may accompany the sealed ballot boxes when they are carried by presiding officers from the polling station to where the votes are counted. For each polling station, only one person per candidate (or group of candidates in the case of a GRC) will be allowed to participate.
- 10.3.3. Where a vehicle is used to transport the sealed ballot boxes from the polling stations to the counting centres, the candidate or one of his/her polling agents may board the vehicle. The candidate or his/her polling agent must notify the presiding officers his intention to participate and

submit the duly completed Indemnity Form to the presiding officer before 6 p.m. on Polling Day.

- 10.3.4. The candidate or his/her polling agent should be present and ready to board the vehicle after the ballot boxes are sealed and not delay the transportation process. The vehicle will not wait for the candidate or polling agent who is late even if he/she has submitted his/her Indemnity Form earlier.
- 10.3.5. For each vehicle, only one person per candidate (or group of candidates in the case of a GRC) will be allowed to participate. If there is already one polling agent representing the candidate (or group of candidates) on the vehicle, any other polling agent representing the same candidate (or group of candidates) will not be allowed to board. Candidates will be notified in advance of the sequence of the polling stations that the vehicle serves.
- 10.3.6. The candidate or polling agent on board the vehicle must comply with the following rules, failing which, the presiding officer has the right to evict the candidate or polling agent from the vehicle:
- Candidates and polling agents must comply with instructions of presiding officers and shall not behave in a manner which may affect the transport operations, or undermine the security of the ballot boxes;
  - No persons, other than presiding officers, shall handle the ballot boxes during the transport;
  - Candidates or polling agents must adhere to the vehicle seating plan and remain seated at their designated seats on board the vehicle;
  - Photography, audio or video recording is not allowed on the vehicle; and
  - Smoking, eating or drinking is not allowed on the vehicle.

## **11. Counting Agents**

### **11.1. Role of Counting Agents**

- 11.1.1. Counting agents must be appointed by candidates or their election agents. Their role is to observe that the counting of votes is carried out in accordance with the law. In the right circumstances, a counting agent can ask for a recount.
- 11.1.2. At the counting centre, counting agents may do the following:
- (a) before the start of count, be present at the counting centre to inspect and ensure that the seals on the ballot boxes are intact before they are opened;

- (b) during the count, observe the counting procedure and give views upon request to the Assistant Returning Officer who is adjudicating on votes; and
- (c) at the close of count, be present to witness the sealing of ballot papers and election materials in the depository boxes.

11.2. Number of Counting Agents

11.2.1. For counting of votes cast in Singapore, each candidate or group of candidates may appoint only one counting agent to observe the counting at each counting place.

11.2.2. For counting of votes cast overseas, each candidate or group of candidates may appoint only one counting agent to observe the counting at the counting centre for overseas votes.

Elections Department  
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25 Aug 2015



**LIST OF NOMINATION CENTRES**

The Nomination Centres are as follows:

<b>S/N</b>	<b>Place of nomination (Nomination Centres)</b>	<b>Electoral Divisions</b>
1	Assumption Pathway School School Hall Building Cashew Road Singapore 679697	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bukit Panjang</li> <li>• Holland-Bukit Timah</li> </ul>
2	Bendemeer Primary School School Hall Building Bendemeer Road Singapore 339948	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jalan Besar</li> <li>• Radin Mas</li> <li>• Tanjong Pagar</li> </ul>
3	Chua Chu Kang Primary School School Hall Building Choa Chu Kang Avenue 2 Singapore 689905	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chua Chu Kang</li> <li>• Hong Kah North</li> <li>• Pioneer</li> </ul>
4	Fengshan Primary School School Hall Building Bedok North Road Singapore 469680	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• East Coast</li> <li>• Fengshan</li> <li>• Pasir Ris-Punggol</li> <li>• Punggol East</li> </ul>
5	Keming Primary School School Hall Building Bukit Batok East Avenue 6 Singapore 659762	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bukit Batok</li> <li>• Jurong</li> <li>• West Coast</li> <li>• Yuhua</li> </ul>
6	Kong Hwa School School Hall Building Guillemard Road Singapore 399772	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MacPherson</li> <li>• Marine Parade</li> <li>• Mountbatten</li> <li>• Potong Pasir</li> </ul>
7	Poi Ching School School Hall Building Tampines Street 71 Singapore 529067	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hougang</li> <li>• Tampines</li> </ul>
8	Raffles Institution Albert Hong Hall Raffles Institution Lane Singapore 575954	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aljunied</li> <li>• Ang Mo Kio</li> <li>• Bishan-Toa Payoh</li> <li>• Sengkang West</li> </ul>

<b>S/N</b>	<b>Place of nomination (Nomination Centres)</b>	<b>Electoral Divisions</b>
9	Yishun Primary School School Hall Building Yishun Ring Road Singapore 768679	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marsiling-Yew Tee</li> <li>• Nee Soon</li> <li>• Sembawang</li> </ul>