

**PRESS RELEASE**  
**PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 2023**

**WRIT OF ELECTION**

The Prime Minister has issued the Writ of Election for Presidential Election 2023.

**NOMINATION DAY**

2 Nomination Day is on 22 August 2023 (Tuesday).

**NOMINATION PLACE**

3 The Nomination Place is the auditorium of People's Association, 9 King George's Avenue, Singapore 208581.

**RETURNING OFFICER**

4 The Returning Officer is Mr Tan Meng Dui, Chief Executive Officer of the Housing and Development Board.

**NOMINATION PAPER**

5 Prospective candidates are encouraged to use the digital services for candidates at the Elections Department (ELD) website (i.e. Candidate Services) to prepare their Nomination Paper<sup>1</sup>. The Candidate Services provide an auto-check function to help candidates ascertain that the names of the proposer, seconder and assentors entered into the Nomination Paper are in the current Registers of Electors.

6 After the Nomination Paper is duly completed, it should be printed and signed by the prospective candidate and his proposer, seconder and at least four assentors whose names are in the current Registers of Electors. This should be done before making the statutory declaration in the Nomination Paper in the presence of a Commissioner for Oaths or Justice of the Peace.

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of the Nomination Paper can also be downloaded from the ELD website ([go.gov.sg/nompaperd](http://go.gov.sg/nompaperd)) if candidates prefer to fill in the Nomination paper by hand.

## **CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY, COMMUNITY CERTIFICATE AND POLITICAL DONATION CERTIFICATE**

7 To be nominated as a candidate, the prospective candidate must deliver his Nomination Paper accompanied by the following documents:

- a. Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Presidential Elections Committee;
- b. Community Certificate issued by the Community Committee, *or* in lieu of the Community Certificate –
  - (i) the Notice of Rejection of Application for Community Certificate;  
*or*
  - (ii) the Notice of Acceptance of Community Declaration together with the Statutory Declaration that Nominee Does Not Belong to Any Community); and
- c. Political Donation Certificate

### Deadline for applications for the Certificate of Eligibility and Community Certificate

8 Applications for the Certificate of Eligibility and the Community Certificate will close on 17 August 2023 (Thursday). More information on the application process for the Certificate of Eligibility and Community Certificate can be found in the earlier press release ([go.gov.sg/pe2023-app-opens](https://go.gov.sg/pe2023-app-opens)).

### Political Donation Certificate

9 Prospective candidates who wish to stand for nomination must also possess a Political Donation Certificate. To apply for the Political Donation Certificate, the applicant must submit the *Pre-election Donation Report* and *Pre-election Declaration* form to the Registrar of Political Donations. Prospective candidates may use the Candidate Services to apply on-line for the Political Donation Certificate.<sup>2</sup>

10 Applications for the Political Donation Certificate will close on 18 August 2023 (Friday).

### Voluntary Undertaking on Campaigning by Presidential Election Candidate

11 This is a form for prospective candidates to voluntarily undertake to conduct their election campaign in a manner that is dignified, decorous and consistent with the President's position as the Head of State and the symbol of national unity. A copy of this form can be downloaded from the ELD website ([go.gov.sg/vu-on-campaigning](https://go.gov.sg/vu-on-campaigning)). The signed undertaking will be put up on the noticeboard, together with his Nomination Paper and certificates.

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<sup>2</sup> A copy of the Pre-election Donation Report and Declaration form can also be downloaded from the ELD website ([go.gov.sg/preelec-don-rep](https://go.gov.sg/preelec-don-rep)) if candidates prefer to fill in the form by hand.

## **WHAT TO DO ON NOMINATION DAY**

12 The Nomination Paper and documents mentioned in paragraph 7 must be delivered in duplicate<sup>3</sup>, and in person by the prospective candidate together with his proposer, seconder and at least four assentors, to the Returning Officer at the Nomination Place between 11 am and 12 noon on Nomination Day.

13 Prospective candidates are advised to familiarise themselves with the law on presidential elections and to read up on the relevant information from the ELD website ([go.gov.sg/nominationprep](http://go.gov.sg/nominationprep)) to prepare themselves for the election.

## **ELECTION DEPOSIT**

14 The deposit payable by each candidate is **\$40,500**. Prospective candidates may pay their election deposit via electronic funds transfer (i.e. PayNow or bank transfer). They can do so using Candidate Services. Alternatively, they can choose to pay via bank draft, or by a cheque certified by the drawee bank as good for payment of the sum stated on it (payable to “ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT”). Prospective candidates are encouraged to pay the election deposit early and not wait until Nomination Day to do so.

## **POLLING DAY**

15 If more than one candidate stands nominated on Nomination Day, the Returning Officer will declare 1 September 2023 (Friday) to be Polling Day. Under the law, Polling Day at any presidential election shall be a public holiday. For those working on Polling Day, the employer shall allow every elector in his employ a reasonable period of time for voting.

**ISSUED BY  
ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT  
PRIME MINISTER’S OFFICE**

**11 August 2023**

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<sup>3</sup> May be photocopies of the originals.