

**Election Day is Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

“I’m thinking of running for MLA,  
what do I need to know?”



### Eligibility

You can be a candidate if you:

- ✗ Are a Canadian Citizen
- ✗ Are 18 years or older
- ✗ Have lived in the NWT for 12 consecutive months



### Nomination Papers

- ✗ Nomination papers must be filed with the Returning Officer in the district you want to run in.
- ✗ You need 15 eligible voters in the district to nominate you
- ✗ A \$200 deposit is required



### Deadline

You must file your nomination papers before:

**2 p.m. on  
Friday September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**



### Official Agent

You must have an Official Agent, who manages your campaign finances and donations, and is responsible for filing your financial report with Elections NWT after the election.

An Official Agent cannot be a candidate, an election officer, or a GNWT employee.



### Campaigning

Once the Returning Officer has accepted your nomination papers, you can start campaigning and fundraising.

Your election signs must include contact information and be authorized by your Official Agent.



### Spending

You can spend a maximum of \$30,000 on your campaign.

If you spend any of your own money and are not reimbursed from donations, you may be eligible for a rebate of up to \$3,000.



### Candidate Financial Report

Your Official Agent must file a complete financial report with Elections NWT within 45 business days after the election.

Failure to file a report is an offence, and is subject to an automatic fine of \$500, plus \$50 for every additional late day.

### Questions?

Contact Elections NWT



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