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**PRESS RELEASE**

**GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR PARLIAMENTARY  
ELECTIONS 2021**

The Electoral Commission has appointed Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020 as the dates for nomination of candidates for Parliamentary Elections 2021.

The nominations shall be conducted at the respective district/city headquarters across the country, beginning at 9:00am and ending at 5:00pm on each of the appointed dates.

An aspiring candidate for Member of Parliament shall be a citizen of Uganda and a registered voter.

Nomination of a candidate shall be made by two registered voters appearing in person, who shall tender the following documents to the Returning Officer:

1. A nomination paper in triplicate containing a statement under oath by the person seeking nomination specifying:
  - a. The name, age, address and occupation of the person seeking nomination;
  - b. The address designated by the person seeking nomination for service of process and papers; and
  - c. The name and address of a person appointed official agent by the person seeking nomination;
  - d. A statement signed by the person named as official agent, stating that he/she has accepted the appointment as agent for the candidate;
  - e. The names and signatures of a minimum of ten (10) persons who are registered voters in the constituency where the person seeks nomination as a candidate supporting the nomination; each supporter shall state in the nomination paper his or her village, occupation and personal voter registration number;
2. A statement under oath stating that:
  - a. The person seeking nomination is a citizen of Uganda, and is eighteen years of age or above; and,

- b. The person named in the nomination paper as seeking nomination consents to the nomination and is not disqualified to stand as a candidate under any law in force.
3. Where a person is sponsored by a political party or political organisation, the nomination paper shall indicate that he/she is so sponsored stating the name and address of the political organisation or political party.
4. The nomination paper shall be accompanied by proof of payment of a nomination fee of 3,000,000= (three million) shillings only, which shall be paid to the Uganda Administration, through any bank which collects Non Tax Revenue.

Aspiring candidates who have already paid nomination fees do not need to come to Electoral Commission Headquarters in Kampala for verification of their payment. Aspirants only need to present their bank payment slips to the respective District Returning Officer who will verify with Electoral Commission.

5. The nomination paper of every candidate shall be accompanied by two postcard sized copies of the candidate's own recent straight face colour photograph.
6. A person using vehicles for the purpose of his/her nomination shall have no more than two (2) vehicles in the convoy and each vehicle shall bear police stickers and shall not carry more than three (3) persons, driver inclusive.
7. Certified copies of educational qualifications confirming that the aspiring candidate obtained a minimum formal education of Advanced Level or its equivalent;
8. A certificate from the National Council of Higher Education in cases where such academic qualifications are the equivalent of Advanced Level or were obtained outside Uganda;
9. A proof of resignation, in the case of public officers;

All persons participating in the nomination exercise shall be required to comply with guidelines issued by the Electoral Commission in accordance with the Government of Uganda and Ministry of Health measures against the spread of COVID-19. This includes observing social distancing, hand washing, and wearing of masks.



Justice Byabakama Mugenyi Simon  
**Chairperson, Electoral Commission**