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Council election

Candidate checklist

This checklist is designed to assist candidates standing in a council election in Scotland in preparing to submit their nomination, and should be read alongside the Electoral Commission's [Guidance for candidates and agents](#).

Task	Tick
Nomination form	
If not pre-printed, add the name of the electoral ward and day and date of the election you are standing in	
Add your full name – surname in the first box and all other names in the second	
Optional - Use the commonly used name(s) boxes if you are commonly known by a name other than your full name and want it to be used instead of your full name	
Description – Party candidates can use a party name or description registered with the Electoral Commission and supported by a certificate of authorisation from that party; others can use 'Independent' or leave this blank	
Add the full home address of the candidate	
You must be a British, Commonwealth or European Union citizen and not require leave to remain in the United Kingdom or have indefinite leave to remain. You must also be 18 years old or older on the date you sign this form.	
You must meet at least one of the listed qualifications (a, b, c or d). Complete in full the details for all the qualifications that you meet in the space provided within the relevant box(es).	
You must not sign the form if you are disqualified to stand. Make sure that you read the Electoral Commission guidance on standing for election as well as the legislation listed. If you are not sure if you are able to stand you should contact the Electoral Commission or take your own legal advice.	
Sign and date the document in the presence of another person	
Get the other person to complete and sign the witness section	
Method of submitting the nomination form (which must include all pages of legislation) to the RO: by hand (it cannot be submitted by post, fax, e-mail or other electronic means), by any person	
Certificate of authorisation (party candidates only)	
Ensure the certificate contains the candidate's full name	
Check the certificate allows the registered party name or description given on the nomination form to be used (or allows the candidate to choose to use the party name or any registered description)	
Ensure it is issued by the party Nominating Officer (or someone that they have authorised to issue it on their behalf)	
Method of submitting the certificate of authorisation to the RO: by hand (by any person) or by post (it cannot be submitted by fax, e-mail or other electronic means)	
Request for party emblem (party candidates only)	
Write the name or description of an emblem registered by the party and published on the Electoral Commission's website	
Ensure the request is made by the candidate	
Method of submitting the emblem request to the RO: by hand (by any person) or by post (it cannot be submitted by fax, e-mail or other electronic means)	