



**2020 MÉTIS NATION BRITISH
COLUMBIA GENERAL ELECTION**

FAQS - CANDIDATES

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

These FAQ's are directed toward nominees/candidates...additional FAQ's are available online and will be updated as needed from time to time.

FAQ 1: Can I run in the 2020 General Election if I do not have my MNBC citizenship card?

Answer 1: As long as you are a registered voter (on the voters list) you are eligible to run and vote in this election. Having a physical MNBC citizenship card is not a requirement, however, you will need to know your MNBC citizenship number in order to run for office, nominate someone and vote successfully.

FAQ 2: Do I have to submit a written declaration and Criminal Record Check if I want to be a candidate?

Answer 2: Yes. Articles 23.7 and 45 of the MNBC Constitution state that individuals are disqualified as MNBC Citizens if they have been convicted of a criminal offense carrying a penalty of two (2) years or more. All candidates must provide a written declaration and Criminal Record Check to the Chief Electoral Officer along with their filed nomination papers per Articles 23.7 and 45 of the MNBC Constitution. NOTE: Results and content of Criminal Record Checks will not be made public.

FAQ 3: If I hold an elected position in my Métis Chartered Community do I have to resign in order to run in the 2020 General Election?

Answer 3: No. The MNBC Electoral Act (Article 8.3 g) only refers to a paid employment or contractor position of the MPCBC/MNBC having to resign. Neither the MNBC Electoral Act nor the Constitution require elected officials or representatives to step down from their position during an election while running for office.

FAQ 4: May I run for an MNBC office if I have served as a director at another Métis association/organization in the one year prior to the date of the 2020 General Election (unaffiliated with the Métis Nation British Columbia and its Métis Chartered Communities)?

Answer 4: No. Nominated candidates cannot accept a nomination for an elected position if they are serving or have served as a director or officer of another provincial Métis body or association other than a Métis Chartered Community during the one year period prior to the date of the 2020 General Election.

FAQ 5: If I hold an elected position in my Métis Chartered Community do I have to resign in order to run in the 2020 General Election?

Answer 5: No. Nominated candidates cannot accept a nomination for an elected position if they are serving or have served as a director or officer of another provincial Métis body or association other than a Métis Chartered Community during the one-year period prior to the date of the 2020 General Election.

FAQ 6: Who is responsible for coordinating candidacy papers and associated nomination signatures?

Answer 6: It is the sole responsibility of each person seeking nomination to coordinate, complete and submit their nomination package to the Chief Electoral Officer. For example, MNBC citizens who are signing nomination forms must send the nomination form directly to the candidate.

FAQ 7: Will MNBC or the Electoral Officer provide a voters list to Candidates?

Answer 7: Yes. The Chief Electoral Officer will provide the appropriate voters list and their contact information as per the MNBC Election rules and procedures. Candidates are expected to respect all citizen privacy rights along with provincial and federal laws regarding address, email, and telephone details and solicitation in general.

FAQ 8: **The election date has been postponed – has the deadline to submit nomination papers changed?**

Answer 8: The election date has been moved to Monday, September 21, 2020.
All other deadline dates have not changed. The deadline for nominations is still Tuesday, August 11, 2020.