



PRESS RELEASE

Collection of nomination papers by political parties and independent candidates

The Malawi Electoral Commission is informing all duly registered political parties and aspiring independent candidates that for the 2019 Tripartite Elections, collection of nomination papers will be done as follows:

- All aspiring candidates who will contest on political party tickets will get nomination papers through their party Secretaries General or any officer designated to do so.
- All independent candidates for Parliamentary and Local Government Elections will collect nomination papers from their respective Constituency Returning Officers (CROs), District Commissioners or Chief Executives from 3rd January to 8th February, 2019.
- All presidential candidates, party or independent, will collect their nomination papers from the Chief Elections Officer at MEC head office from 3rd January to 8th February, 2019.

All registered political parties are advised to collect nomination papers for distribution to their candidates from the Centre for Multiparty Democracy (CMD) in Lilongwe from 3rd January, 2019.

Requests should be made by party secretaries general or any higher authority designated by the party and should indicate the quantity of nomination papers for each of the two elections thus; Parliamentary and Local Government.

The request can be made by calling the Executive Director of CMD, Mr Kizito Tenthani on 0 999 982 490 or email kizito@sdpn.org.mw, or ktenthani@gmail.com. Requests can also be placed in person at the CMD offices located in Area 11, Off Chimutu Road, Catholic Secretariat Campus, Lilongwe.

All persons with disabilities need to get a letter from the Federation of Disability Organisations in Malawi (FEDOMA) to qualify for the 50 percent discount on nomination fees. This letter should be attached to the nomination paper during submission. More details can be obtained by contacting the Executive Director of FEDOMA, Mr Action Amosi, on 0998138134 or email aamos@fedomamalawi.org . The letters can also be obtained at the FEDOMA office along Masauko Chipembere Highway in Maselema, Blantyre.

Submission of nomination papers will be from 4th to 8th February 2019. Parliamentary and Local Government candidates will submit their papers to their respective Constituency Returning Officers while

presidential candidates will submit their nomination papers to the Malawi Electoral Commission at the Chichiri International Conference Centre (COMESA) Hall.

For the 2019 Tripartite Elections there are 193 constituencies and 462 wards that will be competed for.

Political parties are informed that they will be expected to return to CMD and the Malawi Electoral Commission all unused or cancelled nomination papers.

Further information can be collected by contacting MEC Director of Media and Public Relations, Mr Sangwani Mwafulirwa on 0999274304 or email sangwa79@gmail.com .

Signed this 31st day of December, 2018 at Blantyre

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam Alfandika', written over a faint circular stamp or watermark.

Sam Alfandika

Chief Elections Officer