

BECOMING A Regional Health Authority (RHA) Candidate¹



WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS TO BE A CANDIDATE?

In an RHA election a candidate must be:

- 18 years of age on or before Election Day;
- a Canadian citizen;
- resident in the relevant health region and subregion in New Brunswick for at least six months before election day; and
- resident in the health region and subregion on election day.



WHO CANNOT BE AN RHA CANDIDATE?

- an employee of a regional health authority;
- a person who has privileges with a regional health authority;
- an employee with the Department of Health;
- a director or employee of Service New Brunswick;
- a director, officer or employee of EM/ANB Inc.

* Check the Elections New Brunswick website for a complete list.



HOW DO I BEGIN?

Each candidate must complete a nomination paper. You can download a blank nomination paper from the forms page at electionsnb.ca or pick one up from the Municipal Returning Officer after an election has begun.

Nomination papers must be returned to the Municipal Returning Officer (not your local government office) for the health subregion where the candidate will be running no later than 2 p.m. on the date fixed for the close of nominations.



HOW DO I FILL OUT A NOMINATION PAPER?

Each candidate must fill out the nomination paper with their name and address. You may also include a phone number, e-mail and/or website address that will be included along with your name and address in a List of Candidates shown on Elections New Brunswick's website during the election.

Next, the candidate, or an agent, must collect the signatures of at least ten (10) nominators, who each must be a qualified voter living in the region and subregion of the candidate. (We recommend obtaining a few additional signatures in case a nominator is not eligible to vote for the candidate.)

- The candidate, or a family member of a candidate, or any other person, may collect and be the witness to each nominator signature.
- The person collecting the nominators' signatures must be present and witness each eligible elector sign the form.
- A nominator cannot be their own witness.
- The person who obtained the nominators' signatures must complete the included declaration. (If more than one person collected nominator signatures, each person must complete a separate declaration.)

Note: Incomplete or late returns cannot be accepted.



HOW MUCH WILL I GET PAID?

Each RHA member receives \$500 per full-day meeting and \$250 per half-day meeting. Members are compensated for travel expenses in accordance with GNB directives.

RHA boards typically meet four times per year, plus the annual meeting.



DO I NEED AN AGENT OR CAMPAIGN MANAGER?

Unlike federal or provincial elections you are not required to appoint an agent. You may decide to appoint a scrutineer, or candidate representative, who can enter polling stations and observe voting procedures and/or counting of the ballots on your behalf.



HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

To find out more about becoming a candidate, visit electionsnb.ca and review the information for regional health authority candidates. During an election, you can also contact the municipal returning officer for your area.

Note 1: This information is summarized for educational purposes and should not be used as legal advice. Please refer to the Elections NB website, and the Regional Health Authorities Act and its regulations for additional details.