

GENERAL ELECTION 29th NOVEMBER 2024

Nominations Check List

The process of nominations is governed by the Electoral Act, 1992, as amended
(in particular as amended by the Electoral (Amendment) Act, 2007)

General

- Nomination Forms are available at www.info@donegalreturningofficer.com and from the Courthouse, High Road, Letterkenny during usual office hours.
- Completed hardcopy nomination papers may be submitted to the Returning Officer at the Courthouse, High Road, Letterkenny from:
10am Thursday, 14th November, 2024 until 12 noon on Saturday, 16th November., 2024.
- The Office of the Returning Officer takes no responsibility for nominations not properly submitted before 12 noon Saturday, 16th November, 2024.
- The latest time for withdrawals is 12 noon on Monday, 18th November, 2024.
- Nominations will be processed by appointment. To schedule an appointment email: info@donegalreturningofficer.com or phone **087 4944181**

Requirements

Political Party

- A person may nominate himself/herself or be nominated by a registered elector in the constituency as Proposer.
- Declaration to be signed by Candidate or Proposer.
- Certificate of political affiliation.
- SIPO details of Candidate and Agent.
- A good quality digital photograph together with two identical printed copies 35mm X 45mm.

Non-Party

- Same as for Political Party Candidate but no need for certificate of political affiliation
- Deposit of €500 **OR**
- 30 Assents
- Each Assentor must be on the Electoral Register for the constituency.
- Each Assentor must complete a statutory declaration in the prescribed form which includes the polling number and polling district letters confirming his/her being on the register.
- Each Assentor will require photographic ID such as a passport or driving licence.

STRONG Recommendations:

1. Please email a copy of the completed Nomination Papers to info@donegalreturningofficer.com at least 24 hours in advance of appointment. Do not arrange to submit the nomination papers on the last day as if there is a difficulty the Candidate may not have time to amend any defects.
2. In advance of the appointment with the Returning Officer, a Non-Party Candidate availing of the Assentor procedure should ensure that the 30 Statutory Declarations are completed by the Assentors at the County Council Office, County House, Lifford in the presence of an authorised official of the Registration Authority (Contact 074 9172273 to speak with a member of the Register of Electors Team **or email franchise@donegalcoco.ie**). This ensures that the process can be completed within the one hour available to the Returning Officer as set out by Statute.

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