



REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

DECENTRALIZATION ACT [CAP 230]

TORBA Local Government Council Election (Declaration of Candidature) Order No. 143 of 2013

In exercise of the powers contained in section 18A(4) of the Decentralization Act [CAP 230], the Electoral Commission makes the following Order.

1 Eligibility of candidates

A person is eligible to stand as a candidate for election the TORBA local government council if he or she:

- (a) is a citizen of Vanuatu; and
- (b) is registered as an elector in the local government region in which he or she is a candidate; and
- (c) is not disqualified from voting; and
- (d) has not received a sentence including a suspended sentence of a term or terms of imprisonment which has not ended; and
- (e) is not an undischarged bankrupt; and
- (f) has attained 21 years age.

2 Declaration of candidature

- (1) On or before a date determined in writing by the Electoral Commission, a candidate for the TORBA local government council election must lodge with a registration officer in the TORBA local government region in which the election is to be held:

Act [CAP 146] in the local government region in which the election is to be held:

- (a) a declaration of candidature signed by him or her containing the particulars and in the form set out in Schedule 1 or in a form substantially similar to that form approved by the Principal Electoral Officer; and
 - (b) a deposit of VT20,000; and
 - (c) 2 full face photographs of himself or herself; and
 - (d) except for a candidature sponsored by a political party having a symbol approved by the Electoral Commission, an illustration on paper of his or her personal electoral system.
- (2) A declaration of candidature must also contain the signatures of not less than 5 sponsors who are registered to vote in the local government region and not related to the candidature.
 - (3) No person may lodge a declaration of his or her own candidature for more than one local government region.
 - (4) The registration officer who receives a declaration must forward the declaration immediately to the Principal Electoral Officer. The Principal Electoral Officer must, as soon as practicable, send a receipt in a form approved by him or to the candidate.
 - (5) The Principal Electoral Officer must within 48 hours after receiving all declarations:
 - (a) make a list of the candidates named in the declarations and
 - (b) give copies to the Electoral Commission together with such comments on the validity of the candidature of any person named in the list as he or she considers fit.

3 Commencement

This Order comes into force on the date in which it is made.

Made at Port Vila this 04TH day of OCTOBER, 2013.



JOHN K TALEO
CHAIRMAN



LINNES M TARIANGA
MEMBER



MARTIN TETE
MEMBER



SCHEDULE 1

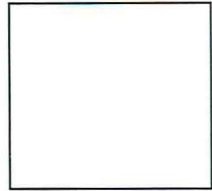
(Rule 4(1)(a))

Important information about the Declaration of Candidature form

1. Persons wishing to contest local government council elections must fill in / complete the attached Declaration of Candidature form;
2. The applicant must be a citizen of Vanuatu and aged 21 years of more;
3. The signature of five sponsors (who must be registered voters in the local government region and not related to him/her) must be provided;
4. When this form is completed (including sponsorship details) it must be handed to a registration officer for the local government region for which the person named as the candidate is declaring himself/herself a candidate together with:
 - (a) a deposit of VT 20,000;
 - (b) two passport sized photographs of the candidate (preferably not colour photographs) and;
 - (c) an illustration on paper of the candidate's personal electoral symbol, unless he/she is sponsored by a political party with an approved symbol. The symbol should be a simple design in black and white and must not include any words.

DECLARATION OF CANDIDATURE

I, (name in capitals)
of (name of island) being
a citizen of Vanuatu and aged years



HEREBY DECLARE

1. Myself as a candidate for election to the
local government council;
2. That I am registered as a voter in the electoral roll for the polling
station of
and my electoral card number is
3. That I am not disqualified from voting;
4. That I am not serving a sentence of imprisonment or have not
received a suspended sentence of imprisonment where the period
of suspension has not ended;
5. That I am not an undischarged bankrupt; and
6. That my occupation/profession is

Date: Signature:
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SPONSORS OF CANDIDATE

1. NAME: ADDRESS:
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OCCUPATION: ELECTORAL CARD NO.:
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POLLING STATION: SIGNATURE

2. NAME: ADDRESS:
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OCCUPATION: ELECTORAL CARD NO.:
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POLLING STATION: SIGNATURE

3. NAME: ADDRESS:
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OCCUPATION: ELECTORAL CARD NO.:
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POLLING STATION: SIGNATURE

4. NAME: ADDRESS:
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OCCUPATION: ELECTORAL CARD NO.:
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POLLING STATION: SIGNATURE

5. NAME: ADDRESS:
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OCCUPATION: ELECTORAL CARD NO.:
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POLLING STATION: SIGNATURE
