

Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023 section 97

Who is a candidate?

Under the *Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023*, a person or member becomes a candidate in relation to a Tasmanian parliamentary election or by-election when:

- » their nomination as a candidate is announced under section 87 of the *Electoral Act 2004*
- » they accept a gift for use solely or substantially for their proposed candidacy in a future election
- » they make a payment for electoral expenditure toward their proposed campaign, during an election campaign period.

Why register as a candidate?

A candidate must be registered with the Tasmanian Electoral Commission before making payments for electoral expenditure incurred or accepting political donations in relation to an election. In addition to being required to register, candidates have obligations under the *Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023*.

When a candidate is nominated under the *Electoral Act 2004*, they will automatically be registered as a candidate with the Commission. However, if a candidate incurs electoral expenditure or accepts gifts or donations prior to nomination but after the polling day for the previous Assembly general or Council division periodic election (whichever House applies), then they must use this form to register themselves as a candidate.

Note: using this form to register as a candidate does not mean that the candidate has been nominated for an election. A nomination form must also be lodged during the nomination period for the election.

How to lodge this form

Completed applications and all documentation may be lodged in person, by post or by email:

In person:

Tasmanian Electoral Commission
Level 3, 169 Main Road Moonah TAS 7009

By post:

Tasmanian Electoral Commission
PO Box 307 Moonah TAS 7009

By email:

edf@tec.tas.gov.au

Queries? Please contact the TEC - 1800 801 701

Registering an agent

Independent candidates and members are required to register an official agent, who will act on their behalf in electoral disclosure and funding matters with the Tasmanian Electoral Commission. The Commission recommends registering an official agent at the time of registration or nomination of a candidate.

To register a candidate's official agent, please use the *Application to register an official agent* form.

If an independent candidate or member does not register an official agent with the Tasmanian Electoral Commission, then that person is considered to be their own official agent.

Endorsed House of Assembly members and candidates will have a party agent who acts on their behalf in electoral disclosure and funding matters.

Who can access this information?

Section 130 of the *Electoral Disclosure and Funding Act 2023* allows for public inspection of a copy of the Register of Candidates at the Tasmanian Electoral Commission's office. This copy will not include the address of any individual that does not appear on the State electoral roll, nor will it include the contact phone number or email address of any individuals or entities.

The Tasmanian Electoral Commission will also publish a copy of the Register of Candidates to its website. This copy will not include the address of any individuals, nor the contact phone number or email address of any individuals or entities.

Failure to provide complete and accurate information about the candidate being registered may result in the Commission not accepting the registration.

Application to register a candidate

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Registration information (please print)

Family name	Given names		
Enrolled address			
Suburb	State	Postcode	
Email	Mobile phone	Other phone	

I wish to receive information from the Tasmanian Electoral Commission about the disclosure and funding obligations for candidates:

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Type of election

House of Assembly

or

Legislative Council

Election

or

By-election

Division

Campaign headquarters address (if used)

Address			
Suburb	State	Postcode	
Date	Signature		

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Registered party information (for endorsed candidates only)

Endorsed House of Assembly candidates must have the below statement signed by their party agent.

Party agent name	Registered party's name		
I confirm that:	Candidate's name		
intends			

to become a House of Assembly candidate endorsed by this registered party.

Date	Party agent's signature		
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For more information about candidates, please visit tec.tas.gov.au