



Republic of Sierra Leone

**National Electoral Commission (NEC)**



**PROCEDURES FOR NOMINATION OF  
PRESIDENTIAL AND PARLIAMENTARY  
CANDIDATES ELECTIONS 2012**

Sierra Leone Elections 2012

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# **NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION (NEC) GUIDE TO NOMINATION PROCEDURES FOR PRESIDENTIAL AND PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2012**

## **1. INTROCUCTION**

The purpose of this guide to nomination procedures is to assist all political parties and their candidates, as well as independent candidates (IN THE CASE OF THE Parliamentary elections) in the nomination process for the 2012 Presidential and Parliamentary elections.

### ***THIS GUIDE CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:***

- Timeline for Presidential and Parliamentary nomination
- Nomination procedures for Presidential and Parliamentary candidates (ordinary members)
- Publication of candidates
- Objection procedures for Parliamentary candidate nominations
- Death of a nominated candidate
- Withdrawal of nominated candidate

This guide also contains (in the appendix) the necessary forms and documents needed for the candidate nomination process.

The NEC hopes that this information will be of assistance to you. However, the information contained here is not intended to be legally exhaustive. Further information can be found in The Public Elections Act, 2012 (PEA, 2012) and the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone



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## **2. BACKGROUND**

During the recently concluded Biometric Voter Registration exercise, eligible citizens of Sierra Leone of 18 years and above had an opportunity to register. Following the voter registration, the Provisional Voter Register (PVR) was made available for public viewing during the Exhibition period. The Exhibition allowed registered voters to confirm and collect their voter ID Cards, correct their details if necessary and make challenges against names existing on the PVR. The Exhibition will result in the final Voters' Register (FVR).

This guide deals with the next step in the electoral process, namely the nomination of Presidential and Parliamentary candidates by the political parties and independent candidates. During the days of submission, the Returning Officer will receive the nominations of Parliamentary candidates in each district of Sierra Leone, and of Presidential candidates at the NEC headquarters in Freetown.

On 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2012 registered voters in Sierra Leone will vote in four elections; for President (and Vice-President) for Ordinary Members of Parliament, for Mayors/Chairpersons and Councillors.

In the elections to the office of the President and the Vice-President, a candidate will be declared elected if (s)he gains 55% of the valid votes cast. If no candidate obtains such a share of the vote, a second ballot shall be conducted, in which the two Presidential candidates (and their Vice-Presidential running mates) who obtained the highest number of valid votes in the first election shall participate. The Presidential candidate, and his/her Vice-Presidential running mate, who obtain a majority of the valid votes cast at the second election are declared elected. Only individuals who are members of a registered political party and nominated by a political party can stand in the Presidential election.

In the Parliamentary election, 112 Ordinary Members of Parliament shall be elected; one from each constituency. In the Local Councils elections, a total of 19 Mayors/Chairpersons shall be elected in 19 Councils, while a total of 456 councillors shall be elected in 394 wards (some wards are single member wards, while others are multi member wards. Elections for Ordinary Members of Parliament and Local Councils are based on simple majority, meaning that the candidate who obtains the highest number of valid votes cast in the constituency or ward is elected. Candidates for Ordinary Members of Parliament or Local Councils can be nominated by a registered political party or stand as independent candidates. A person can only be nominated in one constituency or ward and each party can only nominate one person per constituency or ward.

Apart from the 112 Ordinary Members of Parliament, there will be an election for 12 Paramount Chief Members of Parliament. This guide does not deal with that election.

### **3. TIMELINE FOR PRESIDENTIAL AND PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS**

#### **Presidential Election**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> September,2012</b>	Internal preparations at NEC Headquarters and distribution of nominations forms
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2012</b>	Submissions
<b>15<sup>th</sup> October, 2012</b>	Close of Submissions
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2012</b>	Provisional List of Candidates Published through government Notice
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2012</b>	Deadline for submitting objections to the Supreme Court

## Parliamentary Elections

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> September, 2012</b>	Deadline for political parties to submit lists of approved candidates
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2012</b>	Internal preparations at NEC district offices and distribution of nomination kits. Distribution of nomination forms.
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2012</b>	Submissions and objections
<b>15<sup>th</sup> October, 2012</b>	Close of submissions
<b>16<sup>th</sup> October, 2012</b>	Close of objections period
<b>17<sup>th</sup> October, 2012</b>	Returning officer's decision on all objections
<b>19<sup>th</sup> October, 2012</b>	Deadline for appealing rejected nominations to the National Electoral Commission
<b>21<sup>st</sup> October, 2012</b>	Deadline for National Electoral Commission to announce decision on appeals

Please note that the timeline for the nomination process in regard to the Parliamentary elections is determined by a decision of the National Electoral Commission taken in accordance with Article 164 of the Public Elections Act, 2012.

**NOMINATION PROCEDURES FOR PRESIDENTIAL  
AND VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES**

**4. PERIOD AND PLACE OF SUBMISSION**

<b>Dates of Submission</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2012</b>
<b>Time of Submission</b>	<b>9: am - 4:00pm</b>
<b>National Returning Officer</b>	<b>Chief Electoral Commissioner</b>
<b>Place of Nominations</b>	<b>OAU Drive, Tower Hill, Freetown</b>

**5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

(For further information, please refer to the Constitution: Arts 41. 42 & 75 and The Public Elections Act, 2012 Art 44)

Presidential candidates must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- a) must be a member of a political party;
- b) must be nominated by a political party;
- c) must be a citizen of Sierra Leone by birth;
- d) must not be less than forty years of age;
- e) must be a registered elector;
- f) must be otherwise qualified to be elected as a Member of Parliament;

**6. PROCESS OF NOMINATION**

(For further information, please refer to the Constitution: Art 42 and The Public Elections Act, 2012: Arts 45 & 46)

## **Documents required**

- a) Presidential candidate nomination checklist (NEC Form PRE00)
- b) Nomination Paper signed in accordance with the below description (NEC Form PRE01A)
- c) Statutory Declaration (NEC Form PRE01B), must be submitted by both the Presidential and the Vice-Presidential candidates individually
- d) Nomination Declaration Form for Political Parties (NEC Form PRE02)
- e) The sum of One Hundred Million Leones (Le100,000,000.00)
- f) Voter registration cards (to be presented in accordance with below)
- g) Code of Election Campaign Ethics (NEC Form PRE/OMP03). This document can be signed during the nomination process.

## **Nomination steps**

- a) Nominations papers must be submitted to the National Returning Officer at the NEC Headquarters in Freetown between the hours of 9:00am to 4:00pm during the period for nomination.
- b) The candidate must bring the above mentioned nomination documents along with the checklist (NEC Form PRE00) as a proof of submission and receipt (see appendices).
- c) Nomination papers of a Presidential candidate must be submitted by the candidate him/herself to the National Returning Officer (the Chief Electoral Commissioner/Chairperson of the National electoral Commission).
- d) The Nomination of Presidential candidate must be in writing in the form prescribed by the Public Elections Act, 2012. The prescribed Nomination Paper of Presidential Candidate (NEC Form PRE01A) is enclosed with this guide;



- e) The prescribed Nomination Paper of Presidential Candidate must include the name of the candidate designated for the office of Vice-President;
- f) The prescribed Nomination Paper of Presidential candidate must be signed by three executive members of the political party nominating the Presidential candidate;
- g) The Presidential candidate, her/his nominators and the designated Vice-President must all sign in the presence of the two witnesses who must be of full age and who must sign in the place indicated on the prescribed Nomination Paper of Presidential Candidate;
- h) Both the Presidential and the Vice-Presidential candidates must individually submit a Statutory Declaration (NEC FormPRE01B). These must also be signed by a Commissioner of Oaths, Justice of the Peace or a Magistrate;
- i) The candidate must bring a Nomination Declaration form for Political Parties (NEC Form PRE02) signed by the National Chairperson and the National/General Secretary of the political party, noting that the Presidential candidate and Vice-Presidential Candidates are members of the party in question, and that the political party nominates them for these positions;
- j) The Presidential candidate is required to deposit with the National Returning Officer a non refundable fee of One Hundred Million Leones (Le100, 000,000.00) and payment is done by bank draft/cash to account number 001-113762-10-00-01 at the Sierra Leone Commercial Bank (SLCB). Bank deposit slips are to be submitted during the nomination process or deposit a written receipt issued by the SLCB Bank Manager on

behalf of the Presidential candidate in respect of that sum. The National Returning Officer will issue an official receipt;

k) The Presidential candidate is required to accept a Code of Election Campaign Ethics (NEC Form PRE/OMP03) prepared by the NEC as a condition for acceptance of nomination papers;

l) The voter registration identity cards of the Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates and of the three executive members of the political party which nominated the Presidential candidate must be presented to verify that they are electors;

Candidates must present their nominations in person. Their picture will then be taken by the NEC for the ballot papers.

## **7. PUBLICATION OF PROVISIONAL LIST OF CANDIDATES**

(For further information, please refer to The Public Elections Act, 2012 Art 47)

After the end of the prescribed nomination period for the Presidential Election, the National Returning Officer will immediately publish the provisional list of Presidential candidate through Government Notice and other means that the NEC might find appropriate. The provisional list will detail their full names, addresses, and occupations. This notice will in addition contain the following information;

- Name of the political party to which the presidential candidate belongs;
- Name, addresses and occupations of the three executive members of the political party which nominated the Presidential candidate.

## **8. OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS**

### **Who can file an objection?**

(For further information, please refer to the Public Elections Act 2012; Art 47)

Any Sierra Leonean citizen has the right to object to the nomination of a Presidential candidate.

### **Where and when should objections be filed?**

(For further information, please refer to the Public Elections Act, 2012; Art 47)

Objections should be filed within seven days of the publication of the provisional list of Presidential candidates. Objections are handled by the Supreme Court.

### **Common Grounds for Objection**

(For further information, please refer to the Constitution: Art 76 and The Public Elections Act, 2012: Arts 44, 45, 46)

- Nomination Papers are not filed out correctly
- Statutory Declarations are not filled out correctly
- One or several of the nominators are not qualified to be a nominator
- Particulars of a candidate or nominator are not as required by law
- Candidate is not a Sierra Leonean citizen by birth or is a naturalised citizen
- Not a member of a political party
- Has not been nominated by a political party
- Not forty years of age or older
- Candidate is not qualified to be a member of Parliament under section 76 of the 1991 Constitution
- Nomination fee not paid

## **Decision on an objection**

(For further information, please refer to The Public Elections Act 2012: Art 47)  
The Supreme Court shall give a decision within thirty days of the objection being lodged.

## **9. PUBLICATION OF FINAL LIST OF CANDIDATES**

In case there are no objections to the nominated Presidential candidate, the NEC will publish the final list of candidates immediately after the end of the seven day objection period. In case objections do occur, the final list will be published immediately after the Supreme Court has made its ruling(s) (not more than 30 days after the end of the objection period).

<p>Please note that due to time constraints, the printing of the Presidential ballot papers will begin immediately after the close of nomination without prejudice to any pending objections lodged with the Supreme Court.</p>
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## **10. DEATH OF A CANDIDATE**

(For further information, please refer to the Constitution: Act 42 and Public Elections Act 2012: Art 48).

In the event of the death of either a Presidential or Vice-Presidential candidate prior to polling day, the NEC will re-open nominations for the deceased candidate's political party. This further nomination day will take place within seven days from the date of the death of the candidate to allow for the party to nominate a new Presidential or Vice-Presidential candidate as appropriate. A new date for the Presidential Election will be set.

## **11. ELECTION OF A SOLE CANDIDATE**

(For further information, please refer to the constitution: Article 42 and The Public Elections Act, 2012: Article 49)

Where only one candidate is nominated after close of nomination or should a candidate withdraw, and only one candidate remains for the Presidency, no election will be held and the sole remaining candidate will be declared President.

**NOMINATION PROCEDURES FOR PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES  
(ORDINARY MEMBERS)**

**12. PERIOD AND PLACE OF SUBMISSION**

**Dates of Submission** 3<sup>rd</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2012  
**Time of Submission** 9:00am – 4:00pm  
**Returning Officers** District Electoral Officers  
**Place of Nominations** District electoral Offices

*(Please note that the nomination for each constituency will take place in the District Electoral Office or at designated places in the district to which the constituency belongs. A list of the District Electoral Offices is found in the appendix A)*

**13. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

(For further information, please refer to the constitution: Act 75 & 76)

Parliamentary candidates must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- a) must be a citizen of Sierra Leone (not a naturalised citizen);
- b) must not be less than twenty one years of age;
- c) must be a registered voter
- d) must be able to speak and read the English language “with a degree of proficiency sufficient to enable him to take an active part in the proceedings of Parliament”.

Individuals that receive salary from the Consolidated Fund - ministerial employees, civil servants or teachers employed by state funded schools are excluded from standing as a candidate unless they have resigned from their post 12 months prior to the date of polling as per article 76 of the Constitution. Individuals that do not receive salary from the public purse including lecturers and teachers at private schools are eligible to stand for election without impediment.

*A candidate for Parliament can stand either on behalf of a registered political party, or register as an independent candidate.*

#### **14. PROCESS OF NOMINATION**

(For further information, please refer to the Public Election Act: Arts 60)

##### **Documents Required**

- a) Parliamentary candidate nomination checklist (NEC Form OMP01)
- b) Nomination form signed in accordance with the below description (NEC Form OMP02)
- c) Photograph of the candidate (see “h” below)
- d) The sum of Ten Million Leones (Le10,000,000.00)
- e) Voter registration cards (to be presented in accordance with below)

##### **Nomination Steps**

- a) Nominations papers must be submitted to the Returning Officer in the district in question between the hours of 9:00am to 4:00pm during the period for nomination.
- b) The candidate must bring the above mentioned nomination documents along with a checklist (NEC Form OMP01) as a proof of submission and receipt (see appendices).
- c) The nomination of a Parliamentary candidate must be in writing in the form prescribed by the Public Elections Act, 2012. The prescribed Nomination Paper of Ordinary Member of Parliament (NEC Form OMP02) is enclosed with this guide;
- d) Every candidate shall be nominated by three electors of the electoral area (constituency) for which (s) he is a candidate and no candidate may be

nominated for more than one election area. The three nominators must all sign the Nomination Paper of Ordinary Member of Parliament in the place indicated.

- e) The candidate should indicate the political party that (s)he wishes to stand for, or if (s)he wishes to stand as an independent candidate. The candidate will only be nominated as standing for a particular political party if the candidate is included on the Political Party List of Endorsed Parliamentary Candidates (NEC Form OMP00) submitted by that political party (see further below)
- f) The candidate is required to deposit with the Returning Officer a non refundable fee of Ten Million Leones (Le10, 000,000.00) and payment is done by bank draft/cash to account number 001-113762-10-00-01 at the Sierra Leone Commercial Bank (SLCB). Bank deposit slips are to be submitted during the nomination process or deposit a written receipt issued by the SLCB Bank Manager on behalf of the candidate in respect of that sum. The Returning Officer will issue an official receipt.
- g) The Parliamentary candidate is required to accept the Code of election Campaign Ethics (NEC Form PRE/OMP03) prepared by the NEC as a condition for acceptance of nominations papers.
- h) The voter registration identity cards of the Parliamentary candidate and the three persons who nominated him/her must be presented to verify that they are electors.
- i) Candidates are expected to present their nominations in person. Their picture will then be taken by the NEC for the ballot papers. Should a candidate not be able to appear in person, four colour photographs of the



candidate, of passport size with a white background must be included with the nomination documents.

### **Parliamentary candidates nominated by political parties**

Political parties that wish to present Parliamentary candidates in the 2012 elections must submit a list of candidates that the party wishes to endorse, using the Political Party List of Endorsed Parliamentary Candidates (NEC Form OMP00), This list must be sent to the NEC headquarters no later than 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012 and include for each candidate;

- The Surname, first Name and initials for Middle name(s)
- Voter ID number, and
- Constituency

***This list must be signed by the National Chairperson and the National/General Secretary. Any political party that does not send such a list will not be presenting any candidates in the 2012 Parliamentary elections.***

Only persons included on this list will be accepted as candidates standing for the political party in question. Persons who are not on any political party list can only register as independent candidates. Each party can only endorse one person per constituency, and no person can be endorsed in more than one constituency.

Please note that if a person is on a list sent to the NEC by a political party, the person will still need to be nominated in accordance with the process described above.

## **Independent Parliamentary Candidates**

Any person who declares himself/herself as being independent, or who is not on the list submitted by any political party, will be nominated as an independent candidate. No person can be nominated in more than one constituency.

Each person being nominated as an independent candidate will choose a symbol to be placed on the ballot paper next to his/her name. Only the symbols included on a list provided by the NEC are available to the independent candidates, and each symbol can only be used by one candidate in each constituency. The candidates will choose a symbol in the order that they presented their nomination papers. Once the candidate has chosen a symbol, the number of that symbol will be noted on the nomination paper.

## **15. POSTING OF PROVISIONALLY NOMINATED CANDIDATES**

(For further information, please refer to The Public Elections Act, 2012: Art 60) After submissions, the Returning Officer shall post the names of candidates (and in relevant cases his/her party) and names of the electors nominating him/her by displaying the information in a conspicuous manner in the district in question.

## **16. OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS**

### **Who Can File An Objection?**

(For further information, please refer to The Public Elections Act, 2012: Article 63). Any elector in the electoral area (constituency) in question may file an objection to the nomination of a Parliamentary candidate. Objections must be filed in person with the Returning Officer in the District using the NEC Form OMP04, which will be available with the Returning Officer.

## **Where and When Should Objections be Filed**

(The time for objections stems from an order by the NEC in accordance with The Public Elections Act, 2012: Article 164). Any objection must be filed not later than 16<sup>th</sup> October 2012. The recipient of the objections is the Returning Officer in the District.

## **Common Grounds for Objections**

(For further information, please refer to the Constitution: Article 76 and The Public Elections Act, 2012: Article 63)

- Nominations Papers are not filled out correctly
- Candidate is not a Sierra Leonean citizen (or is a naturalised citizen)
- Candidate is not a registered voter
- Candidate is not twenty one years of age or older
- One or several of the nominators are not qualified to be a nominator
- Nomination fee not paid
- Candidate is not qualified to be a Member of Parliament under section 76 of the 1991 Constitution

## **Decision of an Objection**

(The time for the decision on objections stems from an order by the NEC in accordance with The Public Elections Act, 2012, Article 164)

The Returning Officer shall decide on an objection no later than 4:00 pm on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

## **Appeals**

(For further information, please refer to the Constitution: Art 78, The Public Elections Act, 2012: Article 63 and the order by the NEC taken in accordance with Public Elections Act Article 164)

Any candidate not satisfied with the decision of the Returning Officer has the right to appeal to the NEC Headquarters in Freetown no later than 4:00 pm on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2012, using the attached form (NEC OMP08). The Returning Officers can provide additional information on the appeals process. The NEC

will give a decision on any received appeals no later than 4:00 pm on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2012

The decision of the NEC regarding appeals can itself only be petitioned through the High court.

#### **17. PUBLICATION OF THE FINAL LIST OF CANDIDATES**

(For further information, please refer to The Public Elections Act, 2012: Art 67)

As soon as decisions on any appeals regarding parliamentary nominations have been made, and in any case not later than ten (10) days before the election date, the NEC will publish the full names, addresses and occupations of the candidates and of their nominators (and where appropriate their parties). This will be done by Government Notice, and by other appropriate manners in the district and constituency.

#### **18. DEATH OF A NOMINATED CANDIDATE**

(For further information, please refer to The Public Elections Act, 2012: Article 66). In the event of the death of a Parliamentary candidate prior to Election Day, the Returning Officer shall withdraw the notice of the poll and report the matter to NEC.

The Electoral Commission shall in such a case appoint a new election day in the constituency in question and the appropriate procedures shall start afresh.

#### **19. WITHDRAWAL OF NOMINATED CANDIDATE**

(For further information, please refer to the Public Elections Act 2012: Articles 64, 65). Any Parliamentary candidate may withdraw his/her nomination by notice in writing signed by him/her and endorsed by the respective party and delivered to the Returning officer not later than 4:00 pm of the tenth day (7<sup>th</sup> November 2012) before Election Day.

However, such a withdrawal shall not take place/effect if such a withdrawal would result in there being no candidate to contest the election in the constituency. If only one candidate is nominated after the close of nominations, then no election will be held and that candidate will be declared duly elected by the NEC.

**APPENDIX A.****LIST OF ADDRESSES OF NOMINATION CENTERS****DISTRICT: LOCATION/ADDRESS**

<b>REGION</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>
<b>EAST</b>	Kailahun	Old Barracks Road, Kailahun
	Kenema	64 Hanga Road, Kenema
	Kono	8 Gandhi Fania Street, Koidu
<b>NORTH</b>	Bombali	5 Gibrilla Street, Makeni
	Kambia	District Council Area, Kambia
	Koinadugu	Main Makeni Road-One Mile, Kabala
	Port Loko	24, New London, Off Kambia Road, Port Loko
	Tonkolili	Kono-Makeni Highway, Magburaka
<b>SOUTH</b>	Bo	79 Tikonko Road, Bo
	Bonthe	13 Classin Lane, Bonthe Island
	Moyamba	62 Congowo Road, Moyamba
	Pujehun	Minkailu Street, Pujehun
<b>WEST</b>	Western Rural	Old Main Motor Road, Waterloo
	Western Urban	7 Henry Street, Freetown

## **APPENDIX B. - FORMS**

### **Forms for Presidential candidates**

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|--|-------------------------|
| 1. Checklist for Presidential Candidates                                 | <b>NEC Form PRE00</b>   |
| 2. Nomination Paper of Presidential candidates                           | <b>NEC Form PRE 01A</b> |
| 3. Statutory Declaration of Presidential/<br>Vice Presidential candidate | <b>NEC Form PRE 01B</b> |
| 4. Nomination Declaration Form for<br>Political Parties                  | <b>NEC Form PRE 02</b>  |

- **Please note that both the Presidential and the Vice-Presidential candidate need to submit this form separately.**

### **Forms for parliamentary candidates**

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| 1. Political Party List of Endorsed<br>Parliamentary candidates                    | <b>NEC Form OMP 00</b> |
| 2. Checklist for Parliamentary candidates  | <b>NEC Form OMP 01</b> |
| 3. Nomination Paper of Ordinary<br>Member of Parliament                            | <b>NED Form OMP 02</b> |
| 4. Objection form regarding<br>Parliamentary Candidates                            | <b>NEC Form OMP 04</b> |
| 5. Appeal against upheld objection to<br>the nomination of Parliamentary Candidate | <b>NEC Form OMP 08</b> |

Code of Election Campaign Ethics for both Presidential and Parliamentary candidates	<b>NEC Form PRE/OMPO3</b>
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**NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION**  
**CHECKLIST FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES**

We hereby confirm that the below items have all been submitted and received as part of the nomination of the Presidential candidate. *(Please tick for each item)*

Name of candidate \_\_\_\_\_ Political Party \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Documents</b>	<b>Received</b>
Presidential candidate nomination checklist, NEC PRE00	
Nomination paper of Presidential candidate, NEC PRE01A	
Statutory declaration of <b>Presidential</b> /Vice-Presidential candidate, NEC PRE01B	
Statutory declaration of Presidential/ <b>Vice-Presidential</b> candidate, NEC PRE01B	
Nomination declaration form for political parties, NEC PRE02	
Code on election campaign ethics, NEC PRE/OMP03	
Candidate nomination fee	
Rate or tax clearance certificate	
Voter registration card of the Presidential and Vice-Presidential Candidate (for presentation)	

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of candidate

Received by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Returning Officer



**NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION**  
**NOMINATION PAPER OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES**  
**The Public Elections Act, 2012 (SECTION 45(1))**

Date of Presidential Election 17<sup>th</sup> November 2012

1. I, the undersigned, am the Presidential Candidate to who this nomination paper relates and I hereby certify that I am willing to stand for election to the office of President of the Republic of Sierra Leone.
  
2. I also hereby state that I am qualified and not disqualified for election to the office of President of the Republic of Sierra Leone in accordance with the statutory declaration attached hereto as Annexure I.

3. My designated candidate for the office of Vice-President of the Republic of Sierra Leone is:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Voters' ID Cards Number

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Who has subscribed his/her signatures hereunder to indicate his/her consent to his/her being so designated. He/she has also made the statutory declaration attached hereto as NEC PRE 01B.

Full name of Presidential candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Voter's ID card number

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Presidential candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Designated Vice-President

**NEC Form PRE 01A (page 2 of 3)**

We the undersigned, are the three (3) executive members of the

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(State name of Political Party nominating candidate)

Which have nominated the above Presidential candidate.

1. Full name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Office held in above political party \_\_\_\_\_

Voters' ID Cards Number

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Full name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Office held in above political party \_\_\_\_\_

Voters' ID Cards Number

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Full name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Office held in above political party \_\_\_\_\_

Voters' ID Cards Number

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**NEC Form PRE 01A (PAGE 3 OF 3)**

This nomination paper was completed and signed in our presence

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Received by me at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

Returning Officer

**Note:** - *The Presidential candidate and his/her nominators must all sign in the presence of the two witnesses who must be of full age and who must sign in the place indicated.*

**NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION**  
**STATUTORY DECLARATION OF PRESIDENTIAL / VICE-PRESIDENTIAL**  
**CANDIDATE**  
**The Public Elections Act, 2012 (SECTION 45(3))**

I, do solemnly and sincerely declare that:-

1. I am a citizen of Sierra Leone by birth
2. I have attained the age of forty years.
3. I am registered as a voter with registration number \_\_\_\_\_
4. (i) I have paid all my taxes; or  
(ii) I have made arrangements satisfactory to the appropriate authority for payment of my taxes. (where applicable)
5. I have not been adjudged or otherwise declared to be of unsound mind or detained as a criminal lunatic under any law in force in Sierra Leone.
6. I have not been convicted –
  - (i) for an offence involving fraud or dishonesty; or
  - (ii) for any offence punishable by death; or
  - (iii) for an offence relating to or connected with election under a law in force in Sierra Leone at any time.
7. I am not a person disqualified from practicing a profession in terms of paragraph (g) of subsection (1) of section 76 of the Constitution.
8. I am not under sentence of death imposed on me by any court.
9. I am not disqualified to be registered as a voter under the provisions of any law relating to public elections.
10. I am not disqualified for election by any law in force in Sierra Leone by reason of my holding or acting in any office the functions of which involve a responsibility for or in connection with the conduct of an election or any responsibility for the compilation or revision of any electoral register.
11. I am not a member of any Commission established by the Constitution, or, member of the armed forces of the Republic, or a public officer, or an employee of a corporate body established by an Act of Parliament or out of funds appropriated by Parliament. I have not been in any of the foregoing capacities during the post twelve months.

12. I am not a Chief.

13. I am not otherwise disqualified from standing for the election by any law in force in Sierra Leone.

I make this solemn declaration knowing and believing the same to be true.

Subscribed and solemnly declared by me

\_\_\_\_\_

(Signed)

\_\_\_\_\_

Before me \_\_\_\_\_

**National electoral commission  
Nomination declaration form for political parties  
Presidential Elections (Nomination of Candidates)**

**The public elections Act, 2012 Section 44 (1)**

We hereby declare that the candidates named below:

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(Name of Presidential candidate)

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(Name of Vice-Presidential candidate)

Are members of the following political party:

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(Name of Political Party)

And that they have been nominated by the above-mentioned political party.

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Signature of National Chairman

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Signature of National Secretary General

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION  
CHECKLIST FOR PARLAIMENTARY CANDIDATES**

We hereby confirm that the below items have all been submitted and received as part of the nomination of the Parliamentary candidate. *(Please tick for each item)*

Name of candidate \_\_\_\_\_ Constituency\_\_\_\_\_

<b>Documents</b>	<b>Received</b>
Parliamentary candidate nomination checklist, NEC OMP 01	
Nomination paper of parliamentary candidate, NEC OMP 02	
Code on election campaign ethics, NEC PRE/OMP 03	
Candidate nomination fee	
Rate or tax clearance certificate	
Voter registration card of the Parliamentary and those of the three electors (original)	

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of candidate

Received by \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Returning Officer

**NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION**  
**NOMINATION PAPER OF ORDINARY MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT**  
**The Public Elections Act, 2012 (SECTION 60(2))**

Constituency for which candidate seeks election

\_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Election: November 17, 2012

1. I, the undersigned am the Parliamentary candidate to who this nomination paper relates and I hereby certify that I am willing to stand for election for Parliament as a Member for the \_\_\_\_\_ Constituency
2. I, also hereby state that I am qualified and not disqualified for election to the office to parliament in accordance with the requirement of section 75 and 76 of the Constitution.

Full name \_\_\_\_\_ sex \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last name, first name, middle initial)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Voters' ID Cards Number

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Symbol (Party/Independent) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of candidate



**NEC Form OMP02 (page 2 of 2)**

We the undersigned are the three (3) nominators of the above candidate and are electors of the constituency for which this candidate seeks election.

1. Full name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Voters' ID Cards Number

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

2. Full name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Voters' ID Cards Number

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

3. Full name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Voters' ID Cards Number

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION**  
**OBJECTION TO NOMINATION OF PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATE**  
**The Public Elections Act, 2012 (SECTION 63)**

TO: THE RETURNING OFFICER

DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

Name of objector (in CAPITALS) \_\_\_\_\_

I, the above-named objector being registered pursuant to the provisions of The Public elections Act, 2012 as an elector in the register of electors for the above-named district with voter identification card number \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby object to the nomination of the following person:

<i>Constituency</i>	<i>Name of person objected to</i>	<i>Voter Identification Card of Person objected to</i>	<i>Political party (or "independent")</i>

The ground (s) of my objection is (are)-

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Dated this     day of October 2012

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Signature or thumbprint of the objector

**NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION**  
**APPEAL AGAINST UPHELD OBJECTIONS TO THE NOMINATION OF**  
**PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATE**  
**The Public Elections Act, 2012 (SECTION 63(4 – 6))**

TO: The National Electoral Commission

DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ CONSTITUENCY \_\_\_\_\_ PARTY \_\_\_\_\_

Name of appellant (in CAPITALS)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address of appellant  
\_\_\_\_\_

I, the above-named appellant, having been provisionally nominated in accordance with The Public Elections Act, 2012 in the above-named district and constituency with voter identification card number \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby appeal against the upheld objection against me.

The ground (s) for appealing the upheld objection is (are)-  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dated this      day of October, 2012

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature or thumbprint of the appellant

**NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION  
CODE OF ELECTION CAMPAIGN ETHICS**

**PREAMBLE**

1. Noting the recent violent past of Sierra Leone, and the need for continued peace; and given the desirability for a free, fair, peaceful and well-regulated election and the avoidance of aggravation of ethnic tension and political discord, we agree and accept:-
  - a. That a Code of Conduct for Campaign Activities, taken to mean all activities undertaken in furtherance of the electoral campaign for a political party or candidate will generally respect and contribute to the holding of a free and fair election,
  - b. To subscribe to the Code of Conduct and to the very best of our ability, to comply with and to take all reasonable steps to ensure its full observance,
  - c. To adhere/uphold conditions conducive to the conduct of free, fair and democratic elections within a climate of democratic tolerance in which political activities may take place without fear of coercion, intimidation or reprisals.

**APPLICATION OF THE CODE**

2. In this Code, “Party” includes –
  - a. any entity that subscribed to this Code of Conduct, including independent candidates, political parties, alliances or coalitions of parties, and political movements other than parties; and
  - b. the candidate, leader, officials, members, agents, representatives and supporters of any entity that subscribed to this Code of Conduct.
3. “Campaign period” refers to:-

The period of time during which the election campaign activities can legally take place as announced by the National Electoral Commission.
4. “Campaign Activities” refer to:-

Any and all actions undertaken in the furtherance or promotion of a political party or candidate for election.

**COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE**

5. All Parties that have subscribed to this “Code”:-
  - a. Are bound by the Code,
  - b. Will take decisive steps to prohibit leaders, officials, candidates and members from infringing the Code; and
  - c. Must, therefore, instruct its leaders, officials, candidates and members to adhere to the terms of the Code; and dissuade its supporters from breaching the Code.
  - d. Will be responsible for breaches of the Code undertaken by supporters, officials, members, agents, and representatives.
  - e. Will not make false, frivolous or vexatious complaint or generally abuse the right to complain about violations of the Code.

6. The political party as represented by the Candidate who has subscribed to this Code will instruct party officials, members and supporters to observe the Code to ensure compliance.

### **PERMITTED CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES**

7. All Parties that have subscribed to this Code are entitled to undertake activities normally associated with election campaigns, including the publication of materials, use of national and local media, and the organization of campaign events as per the existing laws, rules and regulations.

### **COMPLIANCE WITH THE ELECTION PROCESS**

8. All Parties that have subscribed to this Code will co-operate with election officials to ensure:-
  - a. The safety, security and integrity of voters, electoral officials, party agents, accredited elections observers and election materials such as ballot papers, ballot boxes, etc, before, during and after the polls;
  - b. All Parties that have subscribed to this Code shall accept that voters have complete freedom to exercise their franchise in secret without being subjected to any annoyance or obstructions.
9. A Party that has subscribed to this Code will not –
  - a. Procure votes by forcible occupation of polling stations or through illegal activities in the polling stations;
  - b. Interfere unjustifiably or in bad faith with the duties of election officials, disturb the process of casting or counting of votes; or
  - c. Provide false information to voters in relation to the voting process or in any way attempt to inform voters that their votes will not be secret.

### **SYMBOLS**

10. A Party that has subscribed to this Code will not –
  - a. imitate the symbols of another Party;
  - b. steal, disfigure or destroy political or campaign materials of another Party; or
  - c. Permit its supporters to do anything prohibited by this section.

### **CAMPAIGN CONDUCT**

11. No Party that has subscribed to this Code shall indulge in any activity which may create, or aggravate, tension between race, gender, ethnicity, language, class, region or religion.

12. All Parties that have subscribed to the Code of Conduct shall have the right to present their political principles and ideas without fear of intimidation or threat. However, criticism of other parties, when made, shall be confined to their policies and programmes, past record and work. Parties and candidates shall refrain from unfounded criticism of any aspect of private life, not connected with public activities of the leaders or workers of other parties. Criticism of other parties or their workers based on unverified allegation or distortions shall be avoided.
13. All Parties that have subscribed to this Code shall respect the rights and freedoms of other political parties to campaign and to disseminate their political ideas and principles without let or hindrance. There shall be equal access to the state media. Journalists who are engaged in their professional activities shall have a free hand to do so without any intimidation.
14. All Parties, candidates, agents and party entities that have subscribed to this Code shall not obstruct, disrupt, break up or cause to be broken up, meetings or rallies organized by other political parties and candidates; nor should they interrupt or prevent speeches and cause the destruction of handbills, leaflets, and the pasting of posters by other political parties and candidates. However, the posting of these handbills, leaflets, and posters must be with the consent of the owners of the properties.
15. All Parties that have subscribed to this Code shall in accordance with the Public Order Act of 1965 notify the Inspector General of Police/Paramount Chiefs of any meeting or rally. The Police/Paramount Chief should ensure that no preferential treatment is accorded to one party or particular candidate to the detriment of other parties that have subscribed to this Code of Conduct.
16. All Parties that have subscribed to this Code of Conduct shall not use state power, privilege or influence or other public resources for campaign purposes.
17. All Parties that have subscribed to this Code shall desist from coercing or offering pecuniary gains or other kinds of inducements to individuals to vote for or particular party or candidate, or to abstain from voting.
18. All Parties will refrain from acts of forgery, destruction, fraud, unauthorized removal, or concealment of election materials.
19. All Parties will respect the secrecy of the ballot and will refrain from any act likely to threaten or compromise said secrecy.

**INTIMIDATION AND VIOLENCE**

20. All Parties that subscribe to this Code accept that intimidation, coercion or threatening behaviour, in any form, is unacceptable, and leaders of these parties will direct their officials, candidates, members and supporters not to intimidate or undertake acts of violence against any person at any time.
21. All Parties that have subscribed to this Code shall ensure that they do not coerce or intimidate Paramount Chiefs or their sub-chiefs, or any other authority to deny any Party the right of access to any chieftdom for political functions.
22. All Parties that have subscribed to this Code shall not raise any private force or militia or use the regular army or other forces to intimidate and gain political or electoral advantage.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE OUTCOME OF A FREE AND FAIR ELECTION**

23. All Parties that have subscribed to this Code will accept the outcome of the election as certified. Should controversy arise, all Parties will submit any grievances to the relevant Courts, the National Electoral Commission or the Political Parties Registration Commission as appropriate and shall accept and comply with the final decisions set down.

**CAMPAIGN SILENCE PERIOD**

24. All Parties that have subscribed to this Code shall not make use of the radio/television stations or convene or hold political activity twenty four hours prior to polling day.
25. All Parties shall abide by the prohibition on campaigning within four hundred yards of a place of voting on polling day.
26. No Party which has signed this Code will permit supporters, officials, candidates, members, agents, representatives to undertake any action in contravention of this Code.

**COMMUNICATION AND MONITORING ADHERANCE TO THE CODE**

27. All Parties that have subscribed to this Code will make every effort to maintain communications with other Parties that have subscribed to this Code.
28. Breach of this Code can result in prosecution before the Electoral Offences Court.
29. All Parties that have subscribed to this Code, civil society and the media shall ensure the dissemination of the issues raised in the Code widely throughout the length and breadth of the country.

**COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW**

30. All Parties that have subscribed to this Code will adhere to existing laws, rules and regulations.

I hereby commit to adhere to the Code of Election Campaign Ethics

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Party/Independent \_\_\_\_\_

Election contesting \_\_\_\_\_ Council/Ward \_\_\_\_\_

Voters' ID Cards Number

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Signature

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Date