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Guidance for Candidates at Parish council elections in England

What you need to know before you stand as a candidate

Before starting the process of standing for election, potential candidates need to be confident that they meet all of the requirements.

They also need to be aware of the rules that apply to candidates relating to spending. There are no donations requirements at Parish council elections.

This guidance sets out details of:

- When do you officially become a candidate?
- Who is responsible for candidate spending?
- Qualifications and disqualifications for standing for election
- Appointing your postal voting, polling and counting agents

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