

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

OF THE

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

Government Notice

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

No. 351

INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS TO FILL TWO VACANCIES ON ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF NAMIBIA: ELECTORAL ACT, 2014

- (1) In terms of section 6(3) of the Electoral Act, 2014 (Act No. 5 of 2014), I invite persons who qualify and meet the criteria stipulated in section 7(1) of that Act to apply, for appointment as a member of the Electoral Commission for a period not exceeding five years.
- (2) Applications must be submitted in writing accompanied by
 - (a) a comprehensive curriculum vitae of the applicant;
 - (b) a certified copy of the applicant's identity document; and
 - (c) the relevant academic qualifications of the applicant.
- (3) Applications must be submitted on or before 17 November 2023 and enquiries directed to:

The Secretary to the National Assembly Private Bag 13323 Windhoek Telephone: (061) 2889111.

(4) An applicant –

- (a) must be in possession of at least a three-year tertiary qualification or a level seven Namibia Qualifications Authority qualification preferably in the field of law, political science, social science or public administration;
- (b) must be at least 21 years of age;
- (c) must have extensive knowledge and understanding of Namibian politics, history, culture, issues and trends relating to democracy and elections in Namibia and generally in the SADC region and in other parts of the world;
- (d) must have a sense of integrity, independence of mind and original and critical thinking skills in the execution of his or her electoral duties;
- (e) must have a firm commitment to the principles of fairness, political neutrality and equality;
- (f) must have an irreproachable professional standing;
- (g) must have extensive experience and outstanding acumen in conflict resolution, negotiation and mediation;
- (h) will, if appointed as a member of the Electoral Commission, be collectively responsible for directing, supervising, managing and controlling, in a fair, impartial, transparent and professional manner the electoral processes in Namibia;
- (i) must, if appointed as a member of the Electoral Commission, attend monthly Electoral Commission meetings during the electoral off-season and more frequently during the election periods; and
- (j) must, if appointed as a member of the Electoral Commission, undertake, when required by the Electoral Commission, to travel within Namibia as well as outside Namibia.
- (5) An applicant must furthermore furnish information relating to
 - (a) whether the applicant is an unrehabilitated insolvent;
 - (b) whether the applicant is of unsound mind or mentally disordered or defective and has been so declared by a competent court;
 - (c) whether the applicant is permanently employed by the State;
 - (d) whether the applicant is a member of the National Assembly, National Council, a regional council or a local authority council; or
 - (e) whether the applicant is an office-bearer of a political party, an active politician or has a high party political profile.

L. KANDETU SECRETARY TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY