



## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **Nomination of candidates for Local Government By-elections**

#### **Introduction**

The Malawi Electoral Commission will conduct Local Government By-elections on August 25, 2015 in the following wards:

- Luchenza Ward in Luchenza Municipal Council
- Zomba Central Ward in Zomba City Council
- Msikisi Ward in Mangochi Town Council
- Chibanja Ward in Mzuzu City Council
- Khwawa Ward in Karonga District Council

Nomination papers will be available for collection in respective Ward Returning Officers (WRO) and District Commissioners/Chief Executive Officers' offices from June 26, 2015.

Candidates who wish to contest should collect their nomination papers beginning from the above mentioned date. All aspirants who already collected their nomination papers before postponement of the by-elections need not to collect again.

The Commission shall receive nomination papers from the candidates at the WRO's office on July 28, 2015 from 8AM to 4PM. Late submissions shall not be entertained.

### **Nomination Fees**

Aspiring candidates and political parties are further informed that the nominations fees are as follows:

- Male candidates K20,000
- Female candidates K15,000

The nominations fees should be deposited into account number 1024801833001 held at Blantyre Branch of the Malawi Savings Bank. Use special deposit slips that will be issued with the nomination papers by the WRO.

Deposit slips should be filled in triplicate and one copy should be attached to the nomination papers during submission as proof of payment.

Aspiring candidates and political parties are encouraged to consult the WROs and the District Commissioners/Chief Executive Officers on how to fill the papers and the nomination procedures.

### **Eligibility of candidates**

No person shall qualify for nomination unless he or she:

- is a citizen of the Republic who at the time of nomination (July 28, 2015) has attained the age of 21 or above

- is able to speak and to read the English language well enough to take an active part in the proceedings of the Council;
- Is a registered voter at any centre in the country

Notwithstanding the above conditions, no person shall qualify for nomination to contest in the election, if the person:

1. owes allegiance to a foreign country;
2. is, under any law in force in the Republic, adjudged or otherwise declared to be of unsound mind
3. has, within the last seven years, been convicted by a competent court of a crime involving dishonesty or moral turpitude;
4. is an undischarged bankrupt, having been adjudged or otherwise declared bankrupt under any law in force in the Republic;
5. holds, or acts, in any public office or appointment
6. belongs to, and is serving in the Malawi Defence Forces, the Malawi Police Service and the Malawi Prison Service; and
7. has, within the last seven years, been convicted by a competent court of any violation of any law relating to elections.

Signed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015 at Blantyre



Willie Kalonga

**Chief Elections Officer**