

# Qualifying as a Candidate

The following table summarizes the **eligibility requirements for candidates**. Please check the appropriate election act and amendments to ensure that the information is current at the time you are running.

	<b>Municipal</b>	<b>Provincial</b>	<b>Federal</b>
<b>Minimum age</b>	18	18	18
<b>Citizenship</b>	Canadian citizen	Canadian citizen	Canadian citizen
<b>Residency requirements</b>	6 months in the electoral district, or annexed district, and continue to reside	Resident of NS for at least 6 months	No, see the Act
<b>Number of nomination signature</b>	At least 5 qualified voters	At least 5 qualified voters	50 or 100 depending on the electoral district, see the Act
<b>Appointment of Official Agent</b>	Required	Required	Required
<b>Statement of party affiliation and confirmation</b>	None	Required unless running as an independent	Required
<b>Nomination day</b>	2nd Tuesday in September	Tuesday, 14 days before the election	Monday, 21 days before election day
<b>Usual polling day</b>	3rd Saturday in October	Always a Tuesday	3rd Monday in October
<b>Campaign period</b>	Typically 8 weeks	4-5 weeks	Not less than 30 days. Typically 34 – 36 days.
<b>Usual time between elections</b>	4 years	4 years	4 years
<b>Limits to campaign spending</b>	None	See the Act	See the Act