

Information Guide to Potential Candidates and Eligible Voters



VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2022

1. Do you wish to contest the upcoming Village Council Election? Be sure to read the following:

Qualifications

Is a citizen of Belize; and

- a. Has ordinarily resided in the village for at least one year; and
- b. Is at least eighteen years old.

Disqualifications

A person shall be disqualified from seeking election as a chairperson or member of a Village or Community Council, or from voting in any such election, if that person:

- a. Is certified to be of unsound mind under the laws of Belize
- b. Has voted in another village or community election held for that period

2. Nomination Process

Nominations will take place **one week prior to the date of the elections** at the designated nomination centers.

Nomination of Candidates

Every nomination for chairperson or member shall be-

- a. made by the persons whose name appears on the official voters list for that village or community;
- b. seconded by another person whose name appears on the official voters list for that village or community;

3. Qualifications for persons wishing to vote

A person is eligible to vote in a Village or Community Council Election, if the name of that person appears on the official voters list for that village or community at least thirty days prior to the date fixed for the election.

4. Be sure to find out exactly WHEN and WHERE to vote BEFORE ELECTION DAY.

Check local newspapers & Gazette, listen to radio stations and view notices posted in villages/communities.

Call or Visit any of the Registration Office or visit the EBD website at: www.elections.gov.bz

5. What to present on Election Day?

Voters are encouraged to present their Voter's ID Card.

Voters are also encouraged to follow the instructions of the Election Officials.

6. Ballot Papers

You will be issued with two ballot papers (one for chairperson and one for members)

7. Voting

Proceed to the polling booth and mark your vote by either writing the name of the candidate or number assigned. You are to vote for one chairperson and not more than six members.



Place your ballot paper inside the appropriate ballot box



CHAIRPERSON MEMBERS

VOTE FOR ONLY

One (1) Chairperson & Six (6) Members

Free and Fair Elections, is all in Your Hands !!

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