

Period for Nominations

The period within which Nominations for the Local Elections may be received is governed by legislation.

The earliest time for receiving nominations is 10.00am on Saturday 9th May 2009 and the latest time for receiving nominations is 12 noon on Saturday 16th May 2009.

A public notice – ‘Notice of Election’ - will be published in a local newspaper(s) no later than **Friday 8th May 2009** giving notice of the election in accordance with the Local Elections Regulations. The Local Elections Regulations, 1995 – Consolidated Version, February 2009 (Part IV – Articles 11 – 25) details the specific provisions in relation to Nominations for the Local Elections. The Regulations provide for the Returning Officer giving appropriate public notice of the Election stating:

- the times for receiving nominations
- the requirement on Candidates referred to in Article 14 (7) to secure 15 assents or make a deposit in accordance with Article 15 Section 15 Electoral (Amendment) Act 2009.
- the times and place at which nomination papers may be obtained
- the times and place at which the Returning Officer will attend to receive nominations
- the day and period fixed for the holding of the poll if the election is contested.

Nomination Papers must be delivered to the returning officer within the times specified, by the candidate or the proposer of the candidate. The delivery of the paper is to be made by the candidate in person except that, where the candidate is proposed by another person, it may be made either by the candidate or by the proposer in person.

The Returning Officer is required to attend to receive nominations at the place specified in the Notice of Election (i.e. City Hall, Quay Street, Sligo) between the hours of 10am and 12 noon and between 2pm and 5pm on Friday 15th May 2009 and between 10am and 12 noon on Saturday 16th May 2009.