



Elections House
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PRESS RELEASE
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BY-ELECTIONS FOR ONE (1) COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON AND THREE (03) WARDS

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the Electoral Commission of Zambia has prescribed **Thursday, 19th September, 2024** as the date on which to hold the Council Chairperson by-election in **Kawambwa District of Luapula Province** and three (3) ward by-elections in **Lukanga Ward of Kabwe District in Central Province, Kabalenga Ward in Mwansabombwe District of Luapula Province and Chidi Ward ofimba District in Southern Province.**

The polls will take place from 06:00 hours to 18:00 hours on **Thursday, 19th September, 2024.**

Nominations for the said by-election will be conducted on **Tuesday, 20th August, 2024.** **Campaign period commences on Wednesday, 21st August, 2024 and will end at 18:00 hours on Wednesday, 18th September, 2024.**

The by-election in Kawambwa has arisen due to the conviction by the Courts of Law of the Kawambwa District Council Chairperson Mr. Kalumba Chifumbe of the Patriotic Front on 22nd July, 2024.

The vacancies in the three wards are due to a conviction, resignation and death. Aspiring candidates in the by-elections should lodge completed and attested statutory declaration and nomination papers subscribed before a Magistrate, Local Court Magistrate, Head of a Government Primary or Secondary School, Principal of a College, Commissioner for Oaths, Election Officer or returning officer on **Tuesday, 20th August, 2024 between 09:00 hours and 15:00 hours.**

All aspiring candidates in these by-elections will be required to pay non-refundable nomination fees as detailed in the table below:

	Council Chairperson	Category	Nomination Fee (K)
		Male	3500.00
		Female	3000.00
		Youth	2500.00
		Persons with Disabilities	2500.00
	Councillor/City and Municipal	Category	Nomination Fee (K)
		Male	1,500.00
		Female	1,000.00
		Youth	1,000.00
		Persons with Disabilities	1,000.00
	Councillor/Town/District)	Category	Nomination Fee (K)
		Male	600.00
		Female	500.00
		Youth	500.00
		Persons with Disabilities	500.00

All Candidates in the by-election must also present certified copies of their Grade 12 Certificates, as a minimum academic qualification or equivalent.

Adoption certificates of candidates sponsored by a political party should bear both the signatures and full names of both the Secretary General and president, or the Secretary General of the party.

In view of the above requirements, the Commission wishes to advise aspiring candidates who may wish to contest in these by-elections that failure to comply with these requirements shall render the nomination papers invalid.

Media personnel and registered non-governmental organisations wishing to monitor/observe the election are advised to apply for accreditation in the respective districts, at the Civic Centre, which will take place from **Saturday 17th to Monday 19th August, 2024 for Nominations** and **Monday 16th September to Wednesday 18th September 2024 for the Polls.**

Accreditation for participating political party officials/representatives of candidates wishing to monitor election in the ward shall only be up to a **maximum of 10 members** per political party/candidate. Please note that only a **maximum of 5 accredited members per political party/candidate** and **two accredited representatives of NGOs** shall be authorized to represent their respective political parties or NGOs at the Collation Centre (Totaling Centre).

Only five (5) senior officials of any participating political party/candidate with Electoral Commission of Zambia accreditation will be allowed to accompany aspiring candidates into the Nomination Centre during the filing of nominations. The rest of the supporters should remain outside the 400 meter parameter from the Nomination Centre in accordance with the law.

In addition, **not more than two (2) political party members/candidate representatives** per participating political party/candidate shall be allowed to witness counting of votes at the Polling Station.

SCHEDULE FOR THE BY-ELECTIONS

Province	District	Constituency	Ward	Reason for By-election
Luapula	Kawambwa			Conviction by the Courts of Law of the Kawambwa District Council Chairperson Mr. Kalumba Chifumbe of the PF on 22 nd July, 2024.
Central	Kabwe	Kabwe Central	Lukanga	Conviction by the Courts of Law of a Councillor for Lukanga ward Mr. Belemu Sibanze of UPND on 30 th July 2024.
Luapula	Mwansabombwe	Mwansabombwe	Kabalenge	Resignation of a Councillor for Kabalenga ward Mr. Ngosa Justine of PF Party on 24 th May, 2024, to pursue a career in the Local Government
Southern	Zimba	Mapatizya	Chidi	Demise of a Councillor for Chidi ward Mr. Abson Sekeleti of UPND on 22 nd July 2024,

For any clarification, please contact the Corporate Affairs Department on 0211 252208 or the District Electoral Officers in the respective districts.



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