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PRESS RELEASE

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BY-ELECTIONS FOR ONE (1) NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND TWO (02) WARDS

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the Electoral Commission of Zambia has prescribed **Friday, 20th December, 2024** as the date on which to hold the National Assembly by-election in Kawambwa Constituency in **Kawambwa District of Luapula Province** and two (2) ward by-elections in **Kawama Ward in Chililabombwe District of Copperbelt Province and Lilondo Ward in Shangombo District in Western Province.**

The polls will take place from 06:00 hours to 18:00 hours on **Friday, 20th December, 2024.**

Nominations for the said by-elections will be conducted on **Thursday, 21st November, 2024. Campaign period commences on Friday, 22nd November, 2024 at 14:00hrs and will end at 18:00 hours on Thursday, 19th December, 2024.**

The by-election in Kawambwa has arisen due to the conviction by the courts of law of the incumbent Member of Parliament for Kawambwa Constituency Mr. Nixon Chilangwa of the Patriotic Front (PF) Party.

The vacancies in the two wards are due to the death of a Councillor for Kawama Ward Ms. Getrude Witola of United Party for National Development (UPND) on the 24th of October, 2024 and the resignation of a Councilor for Lilondo Ward Mr. Lipenta Lizina of Patriotic Front (PF) Party on 1st October, 2024.

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 **Thursday, 21st November, 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:

	National Assembly	Category	Nomination Fee (K)
		Male	15,000.00
		Female	13,500.00
		Youth	10,000.00
		Persons with Disabilities	10,000.00
	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-elections 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 **Monday 18th November to Thursday 20th November, 2024 for Nominations** and **Tuesday 17th December to Thursday 19th December 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 (Totalling 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	Kawambwa		Conviction of the incumbent Member of Parliament for Kawambwa Central Constituency Mr. Nixon Chilangwa of the Patriotic Front (PF) Party.
Copperbelt	Chililabombwe	Chililabombwe	KAWAMA	The death of a Councillor for Kawama Ward Ms. Getrude Witola of United Party for National Development (UPND) Party on the 24th of October, 2024.
Western	Shangombo	Shangombo	Lilondo	Resignation of a Councillor for Lilondo Ward Mr. Lipenta Lizina of Patriotic Front (PF) Party on 1st October, 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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