



MALAWI ELECTORAL COMMISSION

8TH JUNE 2026

GUIDANCE TO PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES AND CONSTITUENCY RETURNING OFFICERS ON THE CUT-OFF BIRTH DATE FOR ELIGIBILITY TO PAY SUBSIDISED NOMINATION FEES AS YOUTH CANDIDATES

QUALIFICATION FOR PAYMENT OF SUBSIDISED NOMINATION FEES AS YOUTH CANDIDATES

Please be advised of the guidelines issued by the Malawi Electoral Commission for determining the eligibility of a prospective candidate to pay nomination fees at a subsidised rate under the Youth Category, for the Parliamentary and Local Government By-Elections scheduled for 30th June 2026.

APPLICABLE FEES

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION: Youth (under 35 years) – K1,250,000

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION: Youth (under 35 years) – K100,000

QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

To qualify for the subsidised nomination fees as a Youth Candidate in the June 30, 2026, Parliamentary and Local Government By-Elections, a prospective candidate must be **under the age of 35 on the date of presenting nomination papers**, i.e., on **9th June 2026**.

Thus, only individuals born on or after 10th June 1991 are eligible to pay the nomination fee for the Youth Category.

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