

**GUIDANCE FOR HOUSE OF LAITY ELECTION**  
**Qualifications for Candidates, Proposers and Seconders**

**Qualifications of Candidates**

1. A candidate must be a lay person who:
  - (a) has received Communion according to the use of the Church of England, or a Church in communion with it, at least three times in the twelve months preceding the date on which nomination papers are issued (28<sup>th</sup> April 2025); and
  - (b) either is confirmed (or ready and desirous of being confirmed) or comes within paragraph 1(b) of Canon B 15A (i.e. is a communicant member of a Church which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity); and
  - (c) is aged 18 or over on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025; and
  - (d) either:
    - (i) is on the chaplaincy electoral roll of a chaplaincy in the diocese at 6.00 a.m. BST on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025; or
    - (ii) at any time in the period of two months beginning one month before 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 has been declared by the leader of a mission initiative (formally constituted pursuant to a Bishop's Mission Order) in the diocese to be part of the worshipping community involved in the initiative.
2. Unlike electors, candidates need not be members of an archdeaconry or deanery synod.
3. A candidate must **not** be the holder of a paid office or employment to which one of the following central bodies may make or confirm an appointment.

The General Synod	The Church Commissioners*
The Convocations	The Church of England Pensions Board
The Corporation of the Church House	The Archbishops' Council

\*(A Church Commissioner in receipt of a salary or other emolument is *not* so disqualified.)
4. A candidate may not stand for more than one diocese simultaneously.

**Qualifications of Proposers and Seconders**

5. Proposers and seconders must be diocesan electors. The diocesan electors are those persons elected to act as such by the annual meetings of the chaplaincies (i.e. the lay representatives directly elected by chaplaincies to the archdeaconry or deanery synod).
6. The deadline for qualifying as a diocesan elector is 6.00 a.m. on the date on which invitations to nominate are issued (28<sup>th</sup> April 2025).
7. A person is entitled to vote in this election if the person is a diocesan elector at the close of nominations (30<sup>th</sup> May 2025).

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