

PROCEDURE FOR THE ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS OF THE MEDICAL AND DENTAL COUNCIL 2025

The procedures outlined below will be followed in the Nomination of Candidates and for the voting on the election.

1. NOMINATION

- a) Each registered practitioner shall be entitled to nominate or second the nomination of only one Candidate.
- b) Each Candidate shall be nominated separately and Nomination Forms shall be completed in triplicate.
- c) The Nomination Form for each candidate shall be signed by two Medical or Dental Practitioners or two (2) Physician Assistants or Certified Anaesthetists who must be Registered Practitioners.
- d) No member shall nominate himself/herself or accept more than one nomination.
- e) The duly completed Nomination Forms shall be delivered in triplicate by the Candidate or the person who proposed or seconded his/her nomination to the nearest office of the Electoral Commission.
- f) Each Candidate shall be given a copy of the Nomination Form.
- g) Each nomination must be accompanied by two bust sized recent photograph with a red background and a short biographical note of the Candidate.
- h) A Candidate may withdraw his/her nomination by notice signed by him/her and delivered to the Chairperson of the Electoral Commission or to the Regional Director to whom his/her Nomination Forms were delivered, not less than seven (7) days before the date of the election.

2. VOTING

Voting shall start at 8:00 am and end at 4:00 pm. Immediately before polling begins, the Presiding Officer shall open the Ballot Box and show it to the members of the Profession present at the Polling Station to ascertain that the Ballot Box is devoid of any content. He/she will then close the ballot box and seal it so as to prevent it from being opened without breaking the seal.

3. PROXY VOTING

A member of the Profession who is qualified to vote but who for one reason or the other is unable to vote in person on the Polling day, may apply to the Regional Director for the Region in which the member is resident not less than 7 days before Polling day, to vote by proxy.

- a) A member who wishes to vote by proxy shall communicate the name and address of his proxy to the Chairperson of the Electoral Commission, P. O. M.214, Accra or to the Regional Director of the Region in which the Voter is resident not less than 7 days before polling.
- b) The Proxy Form shall be completed in triplicate and distributed as follows:
 - i. Original: To be posted under expedite mail or handed personally to the Regional Director in charge of the Region or District in which the member is resident.
 - ii. Duplicate: To be given to the Proxy who will be required to present it to the Presiding Officer on polling day.
 - iii. Triplicate: To be retained by the member applying to vote by proxy.

- c) No member of the profession shall be entitled to vote as proxy in the same election on behalf of more than one person.
- d) Each ballot paper shall bear the names of all Candidates standing for election.

4. POLLING AGENTS

A Candidate may appoint one Polling Agent at each Polling Centre to represent him or her. The name and particulars of such Polling Agent must be communicated to the Presiding Officer at the Centre where the Polling Agent will be based not less than 3 days to the election.

5. COUNTING OF VOTES

Polling will end at four (4) "O" clock in the afternoon. The Presiding Officer will immediately thereafter count the ballots in the presence of the Candidates or their Polling Agents, record the total number of votes cast in favour of each Candidate at that Polling Centre. The Presiding Officer will then communicate the results to the Regional Director. The Regional Director will collate the results at the region and forward the Collated Sheet and the Summary Form to Accra Head Office via the following email address: electionsdept.ec@gmail.com and Whatsapp same to a platform created for that purpose.