

GUIDANCE FOR PROCTORIAL ELECTIONS

Qualifications of Candidates

1. A candidate must be an ordained priest or deacon who is one of the following:
 - (a) a qualified elector (see paragraphs 3 and 4 below) in the diocese (excluding all assistant bishops);
 - (b) a person who would be a qualified elector if he or she had been a member of a deanery synod in the diocese (i.e. a priest or deacon holding written permission from the bishop to officiate within the diocese);
 - (c) a person qualified to vote in the Universities and TEs constituency who:
 - (i) would be qualified as a diocesan elector (see paragraphs 3 and 4 below) but for the fact that he or she is not qualified to vote in that constituency,
 - (ii) is beneficed in, or licensed to, any parish in the diocese or area or is licensed to serve as a vicar in a team ministry in any benefice in the diocese or area; and
 - (iii) has elected to stand in the diocesan election rather than in the election to the universities and TEs constituency.
2. 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 Church House
the Archbishops' Council

*(A Church Commissioner in receipt of a salary or other emolument is not so disqualified.)

Qualification of Proposers and Seconders

3. Proposers and seconders must be electors qualified as such at 6.00 a.m. on 28 February 2025 (the date of the letter of citation). A bishop, priest or deacon is a qualified elector (subject to the exceptions in paragraph 4 below) if in one of the following categories:
 - (a) assistant bishops in the diocese (but not members of the house of bishops of the diocesan synod);
 - (b) archdeacons of the diocese;
 - (c) beneficed clergy of the diocese;
 - (d) clergy holding office in a cathedral in the diocese;
 - (e) in the diocese of London and Oxford respectively: clergy holding office at Westminster Abbey and St George's Chapel, Windsor (but not the deans of those collegiate churches);
 - (f) clergy licensed under seal by the bishop of the diocese (including any clergy resident outside the diocese but holding licence of the bishop of that diocese); and
 - (g) clergy with permission to officiate who are members of a deanery synod of the diocese.
4. The following are not qualified electors:
 - (a) suffragan and other bishops who are members of the house of bishops of the diocesan synod;
 - (b) the dean of any cathedral in the diocese;
 - (c) the dean of Westminster and the dean of St. George's Chapel, Windsor;
 - (d) all Forces chaplains;
 - (e) the Chaplain-General of Prisons;
 - (f) electors in the universities and TEs constituency; and
 - (g) members of religious communities.