



NOTICE

ELECTION COMMISSION

The Election Commission invites applications from eligible political parties for recognition in 2026, accepting applications from 28.01.2026 to 28.02.2026

1. Applications for recognition as political parties for election purposes under Section 7(4) (a) of the Parliamentary Elections Act No. 1 of 1981 (as amended by Act No. 58 of 2009) will be accepted **from January 28, 2026 until 3.00 p.m. on February 28, 2026**. The applications can be sent by registered post or handed over in person to the Election Commission by the secretary of the political party concerned. When submitting applications by registered post to the Chairman, Election Commission, Election Secretariat, Sarana Mawatha, Rajagiriya (10107), the title **“Application for Registration of Political Parties - 2026”** should be mentioned at the top left corner of the envelope.
2. Applications received after the closing date and time for receiving applications, will not be accepted.
3. The application should be duly filled following the directions in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2472/21 dated 21.01.2026 and signed by the secretary of the party.
4. The application form can be downloaded from the official website of the Election Commission (www.elections.gov.lk). Application form also could be obtained from the District Elections Offices and from the Elections Secretariat, Rajagiriya.
5. The request for recognition should specify the particular symbol preferred for the party, out of the symbols included in the Schedule (B) of the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2471/24 dated 13.01.2026
6. Certified photocopies of the following documents should be submitted to the Commission along with the application. Originals of the documents will be checked, if necessary.
 - 6.1 Constitution of the party
 - 6.2 List of the office-bearers of the party
 - 6.3 Names of female office-bearers (in the previous 04 years)
 - 6.4 Audited statements of accounts of the party (for four years immediately preceding the year of application)
 - 6.5 Current policy statement of the party
 - 6.6 Documents to prove that the party had been actively functioning continuously at least for four previous years, should be submitted in separate files for each year.
7. Orders in Section 7 (5), (6) and (7) of the Parliamentary Elections Act No. 1 of 1981, as amended by the Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Act No. 58 of 2009 are final and conclusive in relation to an application to be recognized as a political party.
8. Compliance with the criteria specified in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2472/21 dated 21.01.2026 issued regarding the registration of political parties, should be established at the submission of application.

**Election Commission
Elections Secretariat
Sarana Mawatha, Rajagiriya. (10107)**

**R.M.A.L.Rathnayake
Chairman
Election Commission**

January 28, 2026

Note: It is advisable to refer the provisions of the Parliamentary Election Act, No.1 of 1981 in this regard.