

THE MAURITIUS COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE ACT, 1970
(Act No. 55 of 1970)

**Election of the Chairperson for 2018-2020 and
six (6) members of the Executive Committee for 2018-2021
of the Mauritius Council of Social Service (MACOSS)**

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to all paid up member-organisations of the Mauritius Council of Social Service (MACOSS) that the elections of

- (i) the Chairperson for period 2018-2020; and
- (ii) six (6) members of the Executive Committee of the said Council for the period 2018-2021

will be conducted by the Office of the Electoral Commissioner on the **twenty second (22nd) day of December, 2018** and that the Returning Officer will receive the nomination of candidates for the said elections on the **seventh (7th) day of December, 2018** between the hours of **10.00 am and 2.00 pm** at the **Office of the Electoral Commissioner, Level 4, MaxCity Building, Corner Remy Ollier and Louis Pasteur Streets, Port Louis.**

2.0 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA OF CANDIDATES.

- 2.1 An eligible candidate, for election of the Chairperson and Member to sit on the Executive Committee of MACOSS should -
 - 2.1.1 be an executive/managing member/ officer of a paid up non-governmental organisation affiliated with MACOSS;
 - 2.1.2 be qualified to be elected as Chairperson or member of MACOSS in accordance with paragraph 2 of the MACOSS Regulations Governing Elections;
 - 2.1.3 be a mauritian citizen;
 - 2.1.4 not be under the age of 18 years;
 - 2.1.5 not be an employee of MACOSS;
 - 2.1.6 not have been a previous employee deriving revenue from MACOSS;
 - 2.1.7 not be an activist or member of any branch committee and/or regional/national council of a political party;
 - 2.1.8 not have been adjudged to have been of unsound mind or not a fit and proper person;

2.1.9 not be an undischarged bankrupt (insolvency): or

2.1.10 not have previously been convicted in the Republic of Mauritius or elsewhere of a criminal offence.

3.0 PROCEDURES FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

3.1 Nomination papers are available at the Office of the Electoral Commissioner, at the seat of MACOSS or may be downloaded from the website of MACOSS.

3.2 Every nomination paper shall specify, inter alia,

3.2.1 the name, address, occupation and National Identity Card Number of the candidate; and

3.2.2 the name and address of the organisation.

3.3 Every candidate must be sponsored by the **President, Manager or Director** and the **Secretary** of the member-organization, after a resolution has been taken by the executive/managing committee of the said organisation. The resolution taken by the said organisation should be signed by the **President, Manager or Director** and the **Secretary** and should be produced together with the nomination paper.

3.4 The nomination paper should also contain a declaration by the candidate that he/she is an executive, managing member or officer of the nominating organisation affiliated to the Council (seal of the organisation to be affixed on the nomination paper).

3.5 A member-organisation cannot nominate-

3.5.1 a candidate if one of its members is already a sitting member of the Executive Committee of MACOSS unless his/her mandate lapses in the current year. This condition is not applicable for the position of the Chairperson.

3.5.2 more than one candidate for the same position.

3.6 It is to be noted that-

3.6.1 every nomination paper must be delivered to the Returning Officer between the said hours of **10.00 am** and **2.00 pm** on **07 December 2018**.

3.6.2 when delivering his/her nomination paper each candidate must produce his/her National Identity Card, submit a resumé of himself/herself and a valid certificate of character or a declaration by the candidate that he is of good faith and character; and

3.6.3 nomination papers received by post, fax, email or otherwise will not be accepted.

4.0 **LISTS OF PAID UP MEMBER-ORGANISATIONS AND CANDIDATES**

- 4.1 Candidates will be provided with a certified updated list of all paid up member-organisations of the MACOSS, upon written request to the Secretary of the MACOSS, in due course.
- 4.2 Lists of candidates for both elections will be affixed at the Head Office of the MACOSS and will be published in the press in due course.

5.0 **REGISTRATION FOR VOTING**

- 5.1 Forms for the appointment of representative to vote are being dispatched by post to all paid up member-organisations by the Office of the Electoral Commissioner;
- 5.2 Such forms must be completed and signed by the **President, Manager or Director** and the **Secretary** of the organisation, and should be forwarded to the Office of the Electoral Commissioner, Level 4, MaxCity Building, Corner Remy Ollier and Louis Pasteur Streets, Port Louis, so as to reach the said office **by 3.00 pm on 03 December 2018** at latest;
- 5.3 Late submission of the abovementioned form will not be accepted;
- 5.4 Each organisation shall appoint only **ONE** member to vote on polling day;
- 5.5 The designated member shall be an executive, managing member or officer of the member-organisation;
- 5.6 No representative will be allowed to vote on behalf of more than two organisations.

6.0 **VOTING PROCEDURES**

- 6.1 Only original forms of appointment of representative to vote will be accepted.
- 6.2 Each voter should produce **his/her NATIONAL IDENTITY CARD, PASSPORT OR DRIVING LICENSE** when applying for a ballot paper.
- 6.3 Voting by proxy will **not** be permitted.
- 6.4 No person shall annoy, molest, canvass or otherwise interfere with an elector during the voting process, nor distribute any tract which is likely to induce electors to vote for a candidate or candidates.

7.0 **DIRECTIONS TO VOTERS**

7.1 **Election of Chairperson**

- 7.1.1 Each elector must vote for only **ONE** candidate, failing which the votes cast will be null and void.

7.2 Election of six members of the Executive Committee

7.2.1 Each elector must vote for **SIX (6)** candidates, failing which the vote/s cast will be null and void.

7.3 General

7.3.1 If an elector votes for more candidates or a lesser number of candidates than there are seats to be filled, or places any mark on the ballot paper by which he/she could afterwards be identified, his/her vote/s will be void and will not be counted.

05 November 2018

**P.RAMWODIN (Mrs)
RETURNING OFFICER**