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SEANAD ELECTORAL (PANEL MEMBERS) (PRESCRIBED FORMS)  
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2007

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The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 5, 27, 29, 37, and 47 (as amended by section 57 of the Electoral (Amendment) Act 2001 (No. 38 of 2001)) of the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act 1947 (No. 42 of 1947), hereby makes the following Regulations—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 2007.

2. The Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Prescribed Forms) Regulations 1954 (S.I. No. 91 of 1954), the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 1972 (S.I. No. 202 of 1972), the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I. No. 291 of 2000), the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I. No. 68 of 2002) and these Regulations shall be construed as one and may be cited together as the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Prescribed Forms) Regulations 1954 to 2007.

3. The Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Prescribed Forms) Regulations 1954 are amended—

(a) in article 2A(i) (as inserted by article 3(a) of the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 2002), by substituting “Schedule to the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 2002” for “Schedule hereto”,

(b) by substituting forms No. 3, No. 4, No. 5 and No. 8 in Part 1 of the Schedule hereto for forms No. 3, No. 4, No. 5 and No. 8 in the Schedule to the said Regulations.

4. The Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 are amended by the substitution of the requirements specified in Part 2 of the Schedule hereto for the requirements specified in Part 1 of the Schedule to the said Regulations.

*Notice of the making of this Statutory Instrument was published in  
“Iris Oifigiúil” of 20th March, 2007.*

Schedule

Part 1

Form No. 3. Section 27(1)

**SEANAD ELECTORAL (PANEL MEMBERS) ACTS 1947 AND 1954**

**SEANAD GENERAL ELECTION**

**NOTICE TO NOMINATING BODY OF RIGHT TO PROPOSE FOR NOMINATION**

Name of Panel .....

To .....

.....

being a body registered in the register of nominating bodies in respect of the above-mentioned panel.

Notice is hereby given that the above-mentioned body has the right to propose for nomination ..... person(s) to the ..... panel.

A form of proposal for nomination paper is sent herewith.

Section 27(2) and (3) of the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act 1947, as amended by the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act 1954, makes the following provisions with respect to nominations—

(2) A proposal for nomination to a panel by a nominating body shall be made in accordance with the following provisions:-

- (a) the proposal shall be made in writing on a proposal for nomination paper in the prescribed form;
- (b) the nominating body shall propose by one and the same proposal for nomination paper all the persons which it proposes for nomination;
- (c) the proposal for nomination paper shall contain the particulars required by the prescribed form of proposal for nomination paper to be stated therein (including a statement of the qualifications of every person thereby proposed for the panel to which he is proposed) and shall be signed by the nominating body;
- (d) where the nominating body is a body corporate, the proposal for nomination paper shall be signed by the body by affixing to such paper the seal of the body in the manner and with the counter signatures required by the constitution, articles of association, or other regulations of the body;

- (e) where the nominating body is not a body corporate, the proposal for nomination paper shall be signed in the name of the body by some person having authority to sign in that name.

(3) In the case of the Irish County Councils' General Council and in the case of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, the persons to be proposed for nomination to the administrative panel by those bodies respectively shall be chosen by the members of the body voting on the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote.

With regard to the qualifications referred to in sub-section (2) (c) of that section, Article 18 7 of the Constitution requires that the panels shall contain respectively the names of persons having knowledge and practical experience, of the following interests and services—

(i) Cultural and Educational panel—

National Language and Culture, Literature, Art, Education and such professional interests as may be defined by law for the purpose of this panel.

**Note:** Professional interests for the purposes of this panel have been defined by law as—

(a) law, and

(b) medicine, including surgery, dentistry, veterinary medicine and pharmaceutical chemistry.

(ii) Agricultural panel—

Agricultural and allied interests, and Fisheries;

(iii) Labour panel—

Labour, whether organised or unorganised;

(iv) Industrial and Commercial panel—

Industry and Commerce, including banking, finance, accountancy, engineering and architecture;

(v) Administrative panel—

Public Administration and social services, including voluntary social activities.

The form of proposal for nomination paper is, for convenience, in three separate parts: a first sheet, continuing sheets and a final sheet. A separate continuing sheet should be used for each candidate proposed. Each continuing sheet should

state the name, address, description and qualifications for the panel of the person proposed, in the spaces provided therefor. The surname of the person proposed and the other name or names must be given in full. In the space opposite the words “Description of person proposed for nomination,” the rank, profession or calling of the person proposed should be stated. The address and qualifications of the person proposed should be set out in the spaces provided therefor on the sheet. The particulars given should be such that the identity of the person proposed is free from doubt. It should be indicated in the space provided if photographs of the candidate have been attached for inclusion on the ballot paper (see note below).

When completed, the “First Sheet,” the sheets marked “Continuing Sheet No.....” and the sheet marked “Final Sheet”, should be fastened together in that order and submitted as one proposal for nomination paper. If the candidate wishes to have their photograph included on the ballot paper then two photographs (and CD with digitised photo) of the candidate (see note below) must also be submitted with the nomination paper to the Returning Officer.

Where a nominating body purports to propose for nomination by a proposal for nomination paper more persons to a panel than such nominating body is entitled so to propose, the nomination paper shall be wholly void.

The period during which proposals for nomination by nominating bodies may be received expires on the ..... day of ..... at .....

### **Photograph of Candidate**

Section 57(b) of the Electoral (Amendment) Act 2001 amended section 47 of the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act 1947 to provide for the inclusion of a photograph of the candidate on the ballot paper in a Seanad General Election. The Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 2002, as amended by the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 2007, set out the required specification of a photograph for inclusion on a ballot paper.

If a candidate wishes to have his or her photograph included on the ballot paper, they must provide with the nomination paper:

- A photograph in digitised format (Jpeg) on a CD (passport size—35mm x 45mm); **AND**
- Two identical printed copies of the photograph.

The photograph must be taken not more than 12 months prior to the day for the closing of the poll and must be of good quality, in colour and taken to a professional standard, showing the candidate’s full face, head and shoulders only, on a light background (any colour).

Each printed copy of the photograph must have the candidate’s name clearly shown on the back.

If the above requirements are not complied with, the returning officer may not include the photograph on the ballot paper. In these circumstances, or if no photograph is supplied, the space for the candidate's photograph will be left blank on the ballot paper.

**THE ONUS IS ON THE CANDIDATE TO MEET THESE  
REQUIREMENTS.**

Seanad Returning Officer  
Leinster House  
Dublin

Form No. 4. Section 27(2)

**FIRST SHEET**

Number of Candidates proposed for nomination.....

**SEANAD ELECTORAL (PANEL MEMBERS) ACTS 1947 AND 1954**

**PROPOSAL FOR NOMINATION PAPER FOR USE BY NOMINATING BODY**

Name of Nominating Body .....

Address

.....  
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The above-named body proposes for nomination to the .....  
..... panel, the person or persons whose names are hereinafter set forth,  
and declares in respect of every such person that he or she is qualified to be  
and is not disqualified from being elected a member of Seanad Éireann, and is  
qualified for inclusion in the said panel by reason of the qualifications herein-  
after set forth in respect of him or her.

**CONTINUING SHEET NO.....**

Name of person proposed for nomination,  
in full (Surname first) .....

Description of person proposed for  
nomination .....

Photographs attached for inclusion on  
ballot paper (see Note 1 below) Yes  No

Address of person proposed for  
nomination .....

Statement of qualifications of person  
proposed for nomination for the panel to  
which he or she is hereby proposed for  
nomination. ....

**FINAL SHEET**

Authentication.

(See Note 2 below)

**NOTES****Note 1**

Section 57(b) of the Electoral (Amendment) Act 2001 amended section 47 of the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act 1947 to provide for the inclusion of a photograph of the candidate on the ballot paper in a Seanad General Election. The Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 2002, as amended by the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 2007, set out the required specification of a photograph for inclusion on a ballot paper.

If a candidate wishes to have his or her photograph included on the ballot paper, they must provide with the nomination paper:

- A photograph in digitised format (Jpeg) on a CD (passport size— 35mm x 45mm); **AND**
- Two identical printed copies of the photograph.

The photograph must be taken not more than 12 months prior to the day for the closing of the poll and must be of good quality, in colour and taken to a professional standard, showing the candidate's full face, head and shoulders only, on a light background (any colour).

Each printed copy of the photograph must have the candidate's name clearly shown on the back.

If the above requirements are not complied with, the returning officer may not include the photograph on the ballot paper. In these circumstances, or if no photograph is supplied, the space for the candidate's photograph will be left blank on the ballot paper.

**THE ONUS IS ON THE CANDIDATE TO MEET THESE  
REQUIREMENTS.**

**Note 2**

The statutory requirements with respect to the signing of proposal for nomination papers are as follows—

1. Where the nominating body is a body corporate, the proposal for nomination paper shall be signed by the body by affixing to such paper the seal of the body in the manner and with the counter signatures required by the Constitution, articles of association, or other regulations of the body.



2. Where the nominating body is not a body corporate, the proposal for nomination paper shall be signed in the name of the body by some person having authority to sign in that name.

**SEANAD ELECTORAL (PANEL MEMBERS) ACTS 1947 AND 1954**

**SEANAD GENERAL ELECTION**

**NOMINATION PAPER FOR USE BY MEMBERS OF THE OIREACTHAS**

We the undersigned Members of the Oireachtas hereby nominate to the .....panel, the under-mentioned person for election to Seanad Éireann and declare that the said person is qualified to be and is not disqualified from being elected a Member of Seanad Éireann, and that the said person is qualified for the said panel by reason of the qualifications hereinafter set forth.

Name of person nomination, in full (Surname first)

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Description of person nominated

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Address of person nominated

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Photographs attached for inclusion on ballot paper (see note below)

Yes

No

Statement of qualifications of person nominated for the panel to which he or she is hereby nominated.

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Signed.....  
Member of \*Dáil \*Seanad Éireann

Signed.....  
Member of \*Dáil \*Seanad Éireann

Signed.....  
Member of \*Dáil \*Seanad Éireann

Signed.....  
Member of \*Dáil \*Seanad Éireann

\*Strike out whichever is inapplicable.

**Note**

Section 57(b) of the Electoral (Amendment) Act 2001 amended section 47 of the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act 1947 to provide for the inclusion of

a photograph of the candidate on the ballot paper in a Seanad General Election. The Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 2002, as amended by the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 2007, set out the required specification of a photograph for inclusion on a ballot paper.

If a candidate wishes to have his or her photograph included on the ballot paper, they must provide with the nomination paper:

- A photograph in digitised format (Jpeg) on a CD (passport size— 35mm x 45mm); **AND**
- Two identical printed copies of the photograph.

The photograph must be taken not more than 12 months prior to the day for the closing of the poll and must be of good quality, in colour and taken to a professional standard, showing the candidate's full face, head and shoulders only, on a light background (any colour).

Each printed copy of the photograph must have the candidate's name clearly shown on the back.

If the above requirements are not complied with, the returning officer may not include the photograph on the ballot paper. In these circumstances, or if no photograph is supplied, the space for the candidate's photograph will be left blank on the ballot paper.

**THE ONUS IS ON THE CANDIDATE TO MEET THESE  
REQUIREMENTS**

Form No. 8 Section 37(4)

**SEANAD ELECTORAL (PANEL MEMBERS) ACTS 1947 AND 1954**

**SEANAD GENERAL ELECTION**

**NOMINATION PAPER FOR NOMINATIONS BY TAOISEACH TO COMPLETE PROVISIONAL SUB-PANELS**

In pursuance of section 37 of the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act 1947, the Taoiseach hereby nominates to the ..... Sub-panel of the ..... panel the person whose name is hereinafter set forth as a candidate for election to Seanad Éireann and declares in respect of such person that he or she is qualified to be and is not disqualified from being elected a member of Seanad Éireann, and is qualified for inclusion in the said panel by reason of the qualifications hereinafter set forth in respect of him or her.

Name in full of person nominated  
(Surname first) .....

Description of person nominated  
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Address of person nominated  
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Photographs attached for inclusion on  
ballot paper (see note below) Yes  No

Statement of qualifications of person  
nominated for the panel to which he or she  
is hereby nominated.  
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Signed.....  
TAOISEACH

**Note**

Section 57(b) of the Electoral (Amendment) Act 2001 amended section 47 of the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act 1947 to provide for the inclusion of a photograph of the candidate on the ballot paper in a Seanad General Election. The Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 2002, as amended by the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 2007, set out the required specification of a photograph for inclusion on a ballot paper.

If a candidate wishes to have his or her photograph included on the ballot paper, they must provide with the nomination paper:

- A photograph in digitised format (Jpeg) on a CD (passport size— 35mm x 45mm); **AND**
- Two identical printed copies of the photograph.

The photograph must be taken not more than 12 months prior to the day for the closing of the poll and must be of good quality, in colour and taken to a professional standard, showing the candidate's full face, head and shoulders only, on a light background (any colour).

Each printed copy of the photograph must have the candidate's name clearly shown on the back.

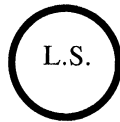
If the above requirements are not complied with, the returning officer may not include the photograph on the ballot paper. In these circumstances, or if no photograph is supplied, the space for the candidate's photograph will be left blank on the ballot paper.

**THE ONUS IS ON THE CANDIDATE TO MEET THESE  
REQUIREMENTS**

*Part 2*

## PHOTOGRAPHS

1. A photograph in digitised format (Jpeg) on a CD and two identical printed copies of the photograph (passport size— 35mm x 45mm) shall be delivered with the candidate's nomination paper.
2. The photograph shall be of good quality and in colour showing the candidate's full face, head and shoulders only, on a light background (any colour) and taken to a professional standard.
3. The photograph shall have been taken not more than twelve months prior to the date appointed by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government by order under section 24 of the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act 1947 for the close of the poll at the election.
4. Each copy of the printed photograph shall have the candidate's name clearly shown on the back.



GIVEN under my Official Seal,  
15 March 2007

DICK ROCHE,  
Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local  
Government.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation)*

These Regulations amend the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Prescribed Forms) Regulations 1954 and the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 by prescribing revised forms for nominating candidates to the relevant panels at a Seanad General Election and by updating the provisions relating to photographs of candidates for use on ballot papers.

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH  
ARNA FHOILSIÚ AG OIFIG AN tSOLÁTHAIR  
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