

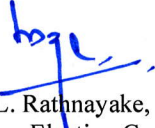
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**The Election Commission invites applications from eligible political parties for recognition in 2025, accepting applications from 28.02.2025 to 28.03.2025**

1. Applications to be considered as a recognized political party for election purposes as per Section 7 (4) (a) of the Parliamentary Elections Act, No. 1 of 1981 as amended by the Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Act, No 58 of 2009 will be accepted from 28.02.2025 to 3:00 p.m. on 28.03.2025. The applications can be sent by registered post or handed over to the Election Commission by the Secretary of the relevant party in person. In submitting those applications, the top left of the envelope should state as "Application for Recognition of Political Parties – 2025". Applications sent by registered post should be addressed to "The Chairman of Elections, Election Commission, Election Secretariat, Sarana Mawatha, Rajagiriya (10107)
2. No applications received after the closing date and time for receiving applications will be entertained.
3. The application to be treated as a political party should be signed by the Secretary of the party and submitted to the Commission.
4. Application form can be downloaded from the official website of the Election Commission ([www.elections.gov.lk](http://www.elections.gov.lk)) and the relevant application form can also be obtained from the District Election offices and the Election Secretariat.
5. If the party is recognized, the request should specify which of the approved symbols mentioned in schedule (b) of the Gazette Extraordinary No 2404/64 dated 04.10.2024 is expected to be reserved for that party.
6. Certified photocopies of the following documents should be submitted to the Commission along with the application. Originals will be checked if necessary.
  - I. Party Constitution
  - II. List of office-bearers of the party (Be sure to include at least one woman in the list of office bearers of the party.)
  - III. Audited Statements of Accounts of the party (for four years immediately preceding the year applied)
  - IV. Current policy statement of the party
  - V. All the documents that can be submitted to prove that it continued to function as a political party for at least four years immediately preceding and a report on it
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, is final and conclusive in relation to a request to be recognized as a recognized political party.
8. Compliance to criteria specified in the Gazette No. 2263/23 dated 2022.01.21 issued regarding the registration of political parties should be established at the submission of applications.

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

  
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(For the Election Commission)