

## Becoming a PPC Candidate is easier than you think!

For those interested in becoming a candidate for the People's Party of Canada, this document serves as an overview of the process you will go through. Please review this document before beginning your application.

### Step 1: Preparing ahead of time

You will be asked to provide the following items, which must be prepared **before** starting an application.

- Criminal background check
- Professional resume
- High resolution headshot
- Short biography (5-10 sentences)
- [Have an active PPC membership](#)
- [Sign Non-Disclosure Agreement](#)

The first step to becoming a PPC Candidate will be to acquire a criminal background check. [We have set up a link for applicants to get discounted criminal background checks online.](#) **This cost will be covered by the applicants but represents the only monetary cost associated with this application.** Through the background check portal you will be required to provide personal details, consent and ID verification. The results will be sent to PPC HQ automatically, so you only need to apply for a criminal background check through the above link before moving on to the rest of the application.

If you already have a recent criminal background check **from within the last 6 months**, that can be used within the application instead. There will be a submission field within the application where you can share your recent check with us.

If you have any questions about any of the listed components needed for your application, please contact us at [asso@peoplespartyofcanada.ca](mailto:asso@peoplespartyofcanada.ca).

### Step 2: Submitting a Candidate Application

The next step to becoming a PPC candidate will be to complete and submit a Candidate Application.

The Candidate Application is an online form [available on our website](#). The PPC Candidate application process is an entirely paperless process, this is in order to streamline and expedite completion and submission. **We do not offer an option for submission of a hard copy application.**

The Candidate Application is a form composed of various questions that will give us details about yourself and your candidacy. These questions range from basic personal information, to longer form questions about politics and the Party.

**Submissions will be open until Sunday, May 7, 2023.**

If you experience any issues with your candidate application. Please contact us at [asso@peoplespartyofcanada.ca](mailto:asso@peoplespartyofcanada.ca).

### **Step 3: Vetting**

The vetting process will commence in April and will conclude in late May, which is when we expect all applications will be reviewed. The vetting process consists of an in-depth review of your application, and a series of interviews.

### **Step 4: Phone and In-person Interviews**

As a part of the vetting process, you will be contacted by PPC Representatives to schedule both a phone interview, and an in-person interview.

Your PPC Representative will reach out to you in the months of April or May to make more specific arrangements. Through a scheduling tool, you will be asked to select a time and date for your phone interview. Once you have completed the phone interview, you will be asked again to use a scheduling tool to select a date, time, and location of your remaining in-person interview.

Both the phone interview and the in-person interview will take place between the months of April and May.

### **Step 5: Notice of Application Status**

The fifth step in our Candidate Selection process is simply receiving notice by PPC HQ on the status of your application. Notice will be provided by email and will take place between June 30th - July 7th.

There are three types of Application Status which you may be notified of: Approval, Rejection, and Acclamation.

A Notice of Approval means that you have been approved to move forward in the next stage of the Candidate Selection Process. If you receive this notice, it is the case that multiple approvals have been issued to applicants within the same riding. When multiple applicants are approved, a Nomination Contest may be necessary to determine which approved applicant will be selected as the PPC Candidate for the riding.

More information on Nomination Contests can be found in sections 6 and 7 below.

A Notice of Rejection means that your application did not pass our vetting process and you have not been approved to move forward in the candidate selection process.

A Notice of Acclamation means that your application has been approved, and since you are the only approved applicant for the riding for which you applied, you are now acclaimed as the official PPC candidate for the 45th General Election.

### **Step 6: Planning a Nomination Contest**

If you are someone who receives a "Notice of Approval", the next step in the candidate selection process will be to connect with your local PPC Association and the other approved applicants to discuss a potential nomination contest.

You will be connected with the other approved applicants and local PPC representatives and tasked with helping organize a meeting to introduce everyone to each other, and to discover if applicants are willing to potentially move into a different, nearby riding, or if they want to support another approved applicant instead of running against them.

If after this meeting, only one approved applicant stays in the running, that applicant will be acclaimed as the Official PPC Candidate in the riding.

If two or more approved applicants stay in the running, a nomination contest will be declared.

A nomination meeting will be held at the end of the nomination contest in which there will be a secret ballot, first-past-the-post vote by the active PPC members of the riding to select the official PPC Candidate.

More information on Nomination Contests can be found below

### **Step 7: Nomination Contest and Nomination Meeting**

A nomination contest is a local, riding-specific election between approved applicants to determine who will be named the Official PPC Candidate.



Nomination contests will begin shortly after July 7, 2023. Nomination contests can last between 2 and 8 weeks over which approved nomination contestants will be allowed to campaign and sign up new members.

A nomination contest concludes with a nomination meeting, which is the meeting at which PPC members in the riding cast their ballots for the applicant they want to be the Official PPC Candidate.

The meeting may be held virtually or in-person. More information regarding nomination contests, including our guidelines, will be made available in the near future.

### **Timelines are subject to change**

The timelines mentioned in this document are based on the expectation that a federal election will not be called until Fall 2025. If there is a snap election called, emergency powers can be activated by PPC HQ to condense timelines, and/or select candidates by appointment. Applicants may be asked to run in nearby vacant ridings to ensure we have a full slate of candidates in the event of a snap election.