

Table of Financial Requirements for Parliamentary Ballot Access for Candidates

Country	Introduced by Law	Level of Deposit	Fee	Conditions for return
Australia - Lower House	N/A	AUD 250		Receipt of 4% of total first preference votes
Australia - Upper House	N/A	AUD 500		Membership in group receiving 4% of Senate vote
Austria	N/A		fee equivalent to app. USD 430 paid by each party	Not returned
Bahamas	Electoral Law 31 December 1969 Last amendment: 10/01/1992	400 B\$		reimbursed if the candidate obtains 1/6 or more of constituency votes
Bangladesh	26 December 1972 Last amendment: 03/12/1995	deposit of 5,000 takas,		reimbursed if the candidate obtains at least 1/8 of the total votes cast
Barbados	1 June 1971 Last amendment: 01/09/1990	deposit equivalent to US\$ 125,		reimbursed if the candidate is elected or obtains more than 1/6 of the total votes cast in the constituency.

Benin	2001	CFA 50000		Returned on 10% of the vote
Bermudas	1978 Parliamentary Election Act	BD 250		Returned on 1/8 of the votes cast
Botswana	Electoral Law: 17 May 1968 Last amendment: August 1997	monetary deposit		reimbursed if the candidate obtains 1/20 or more of the votes cast in the constituency
Burkina Faso	N/A	deposit of CFA 100,000 per list		reimbursed if the list concerned obtains at least 10% of the votes cast
Burundi	28 February 2005 28.02.2005 (New constitution)	for candidates: mandatory deposit of 200,000 Burundi francs for candidate for political parties: 200,000 Burundi francs multiplied by the number of candidates registered on its list under the proportional representation system.		full amount of deposit is reimbursed if the candidate obtains at least 20 per cent of valid votes in the constituency concerned. Deposit is reimbursed if the party obtains at least 2 per cent of valid votes in the whole country
Cameroon	N/A	deposit of		reimbursable

		Francs CFA 150,000 per candidate,		if the party list obtains at least 5% of the votes cast at the national level
Canada	N/A	CAD 200		Receipt of 15% of the vote
Central African Republic	1992	CFA 100000		Returned on 5 % of the vote
Comoros	N/A	deposit of 500 000 Comoran franc (equivalent of 1010 euros)		
Cook Islands	N/A	NZD 500		
Cote d'Ivoire	1. August 2000	deposit of Fr. CFA 100,000,		reimbursed if the candidate or list polls at least 10% of the votes cast
Czech Republic		by political parties or coalitions of the same, accompanied by monetary deposit of Kcs 15,000 per electoral region		reimbursed under certain conditions (if the list of candidates is not registered)
Dominica	16 July 1951 Last amendment: 1990	deposit equivalent to US\$ 184,		reimbursed if the candidate obtains at least 1/8 of the valid votes cast in the

				constituency
Egypt	Electoral Law: 1 January 1900 Last amendment: July 2000	monetary deposit of E£ 200		
Federated States of Micronesia	N/A		USD 100	Non- Refundable
Fiji	N/A	FJD 500		Receipt of 5 % of first preference votes
France – Parliament	N/A	EUR 150		Receipt of 5% of the vote cast
Gabon	1996	CFA 350000		100% returned to majoritarian winners and to lists winning 50% of the seats; 50% returned to anyone polling over 10%
Greece	N/A		146.74 euros	Non- Refundable
Grenada	N/A	deposit of EC\$ 300		reimbursed if candidate obtains at least 1/8 of the constituency vote
Guinea Conakry	1991	Deposit is fixed by decree of the Minister of the Interior at each election		Returned on 5% of the vote to both individuals and list

India	Last Amendment 01/08/1996	deposit of 10,000 rupees (5,000 rupees for candidates of Scheduled Caste or Tribe), INR 500 (INR 250 for members of scheduled castes and tribes)		Election or receipt of 1/6 of the vote
Ireland	Last amendment: 31.03.1998	deposit of 380 Euro		reimbursed if the candidate is elected or secures at least one- quarter of the applicable electoral quota
Israel	N/A	ILS 500.000 (required of parties with no representation in out-going Knesset)		Receipt of 1% of the vote
Jamaica	N/A	USD 100		Receipt of 1/8 of the valid vote
Japan	Last amendment: 17 May 2000	- deposit of 3,000,000 yen		House of Reps: Receipt of 1/5 of the valid vote divided by the number of members to be elected House of Councillors: Receipt of 1/8 of the

				valid vote divided by number of the elected
Latvia	N/A	deposit of 1,000 lats		The deposit shall be returned to the depositor if at least one candidate from the list has been elected in at least one constituency.
Lithuania - Candidate to the Office of President of the Republic	N/A	5 AMWs (AMW - Most recent average monthly wages of the national economy (hereinafter referred to as the AMW). At this time it is about 1200 LTL (347 EUR; 420 USD)		The deposit is paid back if a candidate has received more than 7 percent of the votes during the polling
Lesotho	N/A	deposit equivalent to US\$ 63		reimbursed if candidate obtains 10% or more of the votes garnered by all candidates
Malaysia	29/10/2003	deposit of RM 10,000		Receipt of 1/8 of votes cast
Malta	N/A	USD 100		Receipt of votes equal to one tenth of total vote

				divided by number to be elected
Mauritius	N/A	USD 25		Receipt of 10% of votes cast
Netherlands	N/A	450 Euro (per election district)		Receipt of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the electoral quotient
New Zealand	N/A	NZD 100		Receipt of $\frac{1}{4}$ of votes of the successful candidate
Palau House of Delegates	N/A		USD 25	Non-refundable
Palau Senate	N/A		USD 50	Non-refundable
Papua New Guinea	N/A	PGK 1000		Non-refundable
Samoa	N/A		\$300.00 local money	Non-refundable
Solomon Islands	N/A		SBD 50000	Non-refundable
Togo	2000 (modified 2003)	Deposit is fixed by decree of the Council of the Ministers on joint proposal of the Independent National Election Commission and the Electoral Administration		Returned on 5% of the vote

Tonga	N/A	USD 100		Receipt of 10% of first preference vote
United Kingdom	N/A	£500		Receipt of 5% of the vote
Vanuatu	N/A		50 000 VUV	Non-refundable
Zimbabwe	N/A	ZWD 100		Receipt of 1/5 of votes by successful candidate

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