



Political Activities: Running as a candidate, volunteering or working for a campaign

What is your status in the DND/CAF?

CAF Members				DND Employees				
Regular Force		Reserve Force (Classes A, B and C; COATS and Canadian Rangers)		DND Employees				
What level do you want to be involved in?		What level do you want to be involved in?		What level do you want to be involved in?				
Municipal*	Provincial/Territorial	Federal	Municipal*	Provincial/Territorial	Federal	Municipal*	Provincial/Territorial	Federal
How are you planning on being involved in the upcoming election?		How are you planning on being involved in the upcoming election?		How are you planning on being involved in the upcoming election?				
Running for office	Volunteering /Working for a Campaign	Running for office	Volunteering /Working for a Campaign	Running for office	Volunteering /Working for a Campaign	Running for office	Volunteering /Working for a Campaign	Volunteering /Working for a Campaign
Regular Force members are permitted to participate in municipal elections with approval from the CDS, delegated to ADM(RS) by submitting a Confidential Report to ADM(RS) via the Conflict of Interest Section .	Regular Force members cannot engage in any political activity at the Provincial and Federal level, as per QR&O 19.44 - Political Activities and Candidature for Office .	Reserve Force members are not prohibited from engaging in political activities under QR&O 19.44 (7) but remain subject to the rules set out in the QR&O at all times when they are subject to the Code of Service Discipline, including QR&Os 19.14 - Improper Comments and 19.36 - Disclosure of Information or Opinion. Members of the Reserve Force must submit a Confidential Report to ADM(RS) via the Conflict of Interest Section and may request to be exempted from duties and training for the duration of their political activities (CMP Military Instruction 20/04, para 3.11).	If running as a candidate for office, DND employees must submit a request for permission from the Public Service Commission of Canada (PSC) .	For non-candidacy political activities, employees are not required to obtain permission from the PSC. However, they must use the Political Activities Self-Assessment Tool to determine the risks of engaging in their political activities.	For all political activities, once PSC permission is obtained or the self-assessment is completed, employees must then submit a Confidential Report via the Conflict of Interest Section to ensure that there is no real or apparent Conflict of Interest, and obtain relevant guidance.			

Vote!

*Or Band Council / School Board / Other Local Government Body

This diagram pertains solely to running for office, volunteering or working for a political campaign. Any other matters related to political activities are addressed through **DAOD 7021-1 Conflict of Interest**. It is the responsibility of all DND employees and CAF members to ensure their political activities do not jeopardize the impartiality and neutrality of the DND and CAF. For more information contact the Conflict of Interest Section at COIDEP-CIPED@forces.gc.ca or visit the **Conflict of interest - Canada.ca** webpage.