

HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL

Process for the election of the President of the Council

Introduction

Paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 to the Health Professions Order 2001 provides that the Council shall elect a President from among its members, and that the President will serve a four year term unless he or she:

- resigns as President;
- ceases to be a member of the Council; or
- is removed by a majority vote of the other members of the Council.

Process

- The President will be elected at the next meeting of the Council following the end of term of appointment of the preceding President.
- The election will be the first item on the agenda of that meeting and the Registrar will chair the meeting for that agenda item.
- The Registrar will ask members of Council to nominate candidates for President.
- In the event that only one member is nominated then, unless the Council decides to the contrary, that person will be appointed as President.
- If more than one member is nominated, then a secret ballot will be conducted, by the Secretary of the Council, among the members present.
- Before the ballot is conducted each candidate will be given the opportunity, if they so wish, to address the Council for not more than five minutes.
- The members nominated may scrutinise the ballot process or appoint another member to do so on their behalf.
- The Registrar will announce the result of the ballot to the meeting and the winning candidate will be appointed as President.

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