



BENGUET ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (BENECO)

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NOTICE OF DISTRICT ELECTIONS

Pursuant to Task Force BENECO Resolution No. 2024-013 (*Resolution for the Conduct of District Elections for the Board of Directors (BOD) of BENECO and Approving the Recommended Schedules Thereof*) dated January 24, 2024, the elections for Districts 1,3 and 4 (for Baguio City), and Districts 9 and 11 (for Benguet) shall be held on **September 21, 2024 (Saturday)** from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at designated polling centers which will soon be announced. The barangays covered by each district are:

BAGUIO CITY	
District 1	Apugan-Loakan, Atok Trail, Bal-Marcoville (Marcoville), Cabinet Hill-Teacher's Camp, Camp 8, Country Club Village, Dagsian, Lower, Dagsian, Upper, DPS Compound, Engineers' Hill, Gabriela Silang, Gibraltar, Greenwater Village, Happy Hallow, Hillside, Lualhati, Lucnab, Military Cut-off, Mines View Park, Outlook Drive, Pacdal, Pucsusan, Saint Joseph Village, Salud Mitra, Sta. Escolastica, Scout Barrio, South Drive,
District 3	Abanao-Zanduetta-Kayang-Chugum-Otek (AZKCO), Asin Road, City Camp Central, City Camp Proper, Dominican Hill-Mirador, Ferdinand (Happy Homes-Campo Sioco), General Emilio F. Aguinaldo (Quirino-Magsaysay Lower), Legarda-Burnham-Kisad, Lourdes Subdivision Extension, Lourdes Subdivision, Lower, Lourdes Subdivision, Proper, MRR-Queen Of Peace, Palma-Urbano (Cariño-Palma), Quirino-Magsaysay, Upper (Upper QM), Rizal Monument Area, Rock Quarry- Lower, Rock Quarry-Upper, Rock Quarry-Middle, San Luis Village, San Roque Village, Sto. Rosario Village
District 4	Andres Bonifacio (Lower Bokawkan), Camp Allen, Campo Filipino, Cresencia Village, Fairview Village, Guisad Central, Guisad Surong, Middle Quezon Hill Subdivision(Quezon Hill Middle), Pinsao Pilot Project, Pinsao Proper, Quezon Hill Proper, Irisan, Victoria Village
BENGUET	
District 9	Sablan and Tuba
District 11	Bakun, Buguias, and Mankayan

Interested applicants from the said districts can now secure the Certificates of Candidacy during office hours at the Institutional Services Department of BENECO at South Drive, Baguio City from August 27, 2024 until September 10, 2024. The deadline of the filing of the Certificate of Candidacy will be at 5 PM of September 11, 2024. The qualifications and disqualifications based on Republic Act No. 10531 (NEA Reform Act of 2013); NEA Memorandum No. 2014-019 dated July 1, 2014 (Guidelines for the Conduct of District Elections for Electric Cooperatives); and the Articles of Cooperation and By Laws approved by CDA are:

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. A Filipino citizen
2. A graduate of a four (4) or five (5) year college course
3. Must be between twenty-one (21) years old and seventy (70) years old on the date of the election

4. Of good moral character which may be established with the submission of clearance or certificate from any of the following (*Barangay LGU where the candidate resides/NBI/ PNP/ Leader of the religious sect the candidate is affiliated with*)

5. A member of the EC in good standing for the last five (5) years immediately preceding the election and shall continue to be a member in good standing during his or her incumbency.

*A member of good standing shall mean that said member has no unsettled or outstanding obligations to the EC whether personal or through commercial or industrial connections of which he or she is the owner or co-owner three (3) months prior to the filing of the certificate of candidacy. **Provided**, that for incumbent members of the EC Board who will seek re-election, unsettled or outstanding obligation shall be deemed to include power bills, cash advances, disallowances (including NEA audit findings) and materials and equipment issuances reckoned from the time of filing of the certificate of candidacy. (NEA Memorandum No. 2016-017 dated April 11, 2016 pursuant to DOE Department Circular No. DC2014-09-0017 dated Sept. 1, 2014)*

6. Has not been apprehended for electric pilferage.

A mere apprehension of electric pilferage by the EC, even without conviction for such offense by any court, shall constitute a valid ground for disqualification. The word “apprehension” should be taken in the strict context as used in Republic Act No. 7832, otherwise known as “Anti-Electricity and Electric Transmission Lines or Materials Pilferage Act of 1994”, which means that a person is caught in flagrante delicto for violating the provision of the said Act.

7. Has not been removed for cause as a director or an employee from any EC;

In general, removal or termination of service from the EC is caused by a grave offense or violation/s of policies, rules and regulations. A former director or employee with a record of termination/removal for cause from public office or for just cause as defined in Article 282 of the Labor Code as amended, shall not be qualified to be elected or appointed as director of an EC.

8. An actual resident and member-consumer in the district that he or she seeks to represent for at least two (2) years immediately preceding the election; and

9. Attended at least two (2) Annual General Membership Assemblies (AGMA) for the last five (5) years immediately preceding the election or appointment.

(For ECs that were not able to conduct an AGMA for at least two occasions for the last five (5) years, the five (5) year requirement shall be interpreted as the last five years that the EC was able to conduct the AGMA – NEA Institutional and Legal Advisory No. 01 dated May 9, 2023)

10. For a qualified government employee, he/she must present a written certification from his/her Department Secretary/Regional Director/Local Chief Executive or his duly authorized representative allowing him/her to run and sit as director at the time of his/her filing of Certificate of Candidacy (*An EC Director or Officer, in order to remain as such, must continue to possess all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications throughout his/her term or tenure of office. To this end, no EC Director shall be allowed to stay in a holdover capacity If he/she fails to meet all the qualifications or is deemed disqualified.*)

11. Must have paid in full the minimum share capital of Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00)

12. Must not have been convicted by final judgment in administrative or civil proceedings involving financial and/or property accountability or of a crime involving moral turpitude.

13. Must not have been terminated for just cause from public office/government employment or private employment.

DISQUALIFICATIONS:

The following are disqualified:

1. A person holding any elective position.
2. A person holding an appointive position in government with a salary grade of sixteen (SG 16) or higher or its equivalent. The applicant will also be disqualified if his or her spouse is holding any elective position or a person holding an appointive position in government with a salary grade of sixteen (SG 16) or higher or its equivalent.
3. A candidate in the last preceding local or national elections. The applicant will also be disqualified if his or her spouse was a candidate in the last preceding local or national elections. (The last election shall refer to the Oct.30, 2023 BSKE)
4. person has been terminated from public office/government employment or private employment for just cause as defined In Article 282 of the Labor Code. For this purpose, termination from public office shall mean removal.
5. Related within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity or affinity to any member of the EC Board of Directors, General Manager, Department Manager, NEA-appointed Project Supervisor (PS) or Acting General Manager (AGM) and its equivalent or higher position.
6. Employed by or has financial interest in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or electrical hardware to the cooperative or doing business with the EC including, but not limited to, the use or rental of poles; *(For this purpose, "doing business" shall refer to the transactions related not only to the core or main line of business of the EC, but also those which in any way affect the management and operation of the EC)*
7. A representative of a juridical person
8. An official or employee of the CDA
9. A GM or employee of other electric cooperatives.

DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED:

1. Notarized Certificate of Candidacy (4 copies)	8. Certification from COMELEC that the applicant or his or her spouse did not run in the last local or national election. The last election referred to is the Oct. 30, 2023 BSKE (In lieu thereof, BENEKO will check the COMELEC list)
2. Personal Data Sheet (with recent 2x2 picture)	9. For applicants who are government employees – Certification from Dept. Sec., Regional Director, Division Head or Local Chief Executive that (a) the salary grade of the applicant is not Grade 16 or higher; and that (b) the office of the applicant has allowed him/her to run as a director.
3. Certificate of Good Moral Character (From any of the following - NBI, PNP, Barangay, or leader of religious sect the applicant is affiliated with)	10. For applicants whose spouse is a government employee - Certification from Dept. Sec., Regional Director, Division Head or Local Chief Executive that the salary grade of the spouse is not Grade 16 or higher.
4. Certificate of No Conviction for a Crime Involving Moral Turpitude (Prosecutors, MTC and RTC Clearances)	11. Clearance from previous employer the applicant worked with (government or private) that he/she has not been terminated for cause

<p>5.Certified True Copy of School Transcript of Records/Diploma or Special Order</p>	<p>12.Documents to be provided by BENEKO</p>
<p>6.Certified True Copy of Birth Certificate issued by the PSA</p>	<p>(a)Membership certification for five (5) years immediately preceding the election (b)Certification of no apprehension for electric pilferage.</p>
<p>7. Barangay Certification that applicant is a resident of the barangay/district that he or she seeks to represent (NOTE: The Certificate of Good Moral Character under No. 3 is separate and different from the Certificate of Two Year Residency. But In case the candidate seeks to secure his Certificate of Good Moral Character from the Barangay Chairman, such certificate can already include the certification as to the two year residency)</p>	<p>(c)Certification of attendance for two times in the last five (5) AGMAs of the cooperative (d)Certification of payment of the minimum share capital of P2,000.00 (e)Certification of no unsettled or outstanding obligations to the EC whether personal or through commercial or industrial connections of which he or she is the owner or co-owner within three (3) months prior to the filing of the Certificate of Candidacy</p>