

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Anyone seeking to hold office must meet certain qualifications. While there are minimum requirements that apply to every office, some offices may require additional qualifications. Candidates are responsible for determining whether or not they are eligible to hold public office. The Elections Department will provide information regarding the qualifications to hold specific offices to interested individuals and will verify the candidates' qualifications to the best of our ability.

General Qualifications to Run for and Hold Public Office:

Age/Citizenship

A person is incapable of holding a civil office if at the time of his/her election or appointment he/she is not 18 years of age and a citizen of the state. [Gov. Code Sec. 1020]

Registered Voter/District Resident

Unless otherwise specifically provided, no person is eligible to be elected or appointed to an elective office unless that person is a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person or at the time of the person's appointment. [Election Code Sec. 201]

Following this page are additional specific qualifications for individual offices as prescribed by law.

QUALIFICATIONS SPECIFIC TO OFFICE OF ASSESSOR

Government Code 24002.5 (a)(b)(c)

(a) A person may not exercise the powers and duties of the office of assessor unless he or she holds a valid appraiser's certificate issued by the State Board of Equalization pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 670) of Chapter 3 of Part 2 of Division 1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a duly elected or appointed person may exercise the powers and duties of assessor, for a period not to exceed one year, if he or she acquires a temporary appraiser's certificate from the State Board of Equalization no later than 30 days after taking office.

(c) This section does not apply to any person holding the office of assessor on January 1, 1997.