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The Malawi Electoral Commission is informing the general public that it received nomination papers from 8 aspiring Presidential and 1,151 Parliamentary candidates.

The Commission is at the moment scrutinizing the nomination forms through various stages such as:

1. Verifying names of electors against the voters roll to ensure that they are registered in the constituency where the aspirant wants to stand and, in the case of Presidential aspirant, in the 28 administrative districts in the country.
2. Verifying whether an aspiring candidate has compiled with the legal requirement such as; provision of distinct symbol, photocopy of registration certificate, declaration by Commissioner of Oath and authorization evidence by party official if sponsored.

In response to the concerns raised by various stakeholders, the Commission will gazette list of successful nominations after 20th March 2009. This is in compliance with Section 80 (7e) of the Malawi Constitution, which stipulates that; “No person shall be eligible for nomination as a candidate for election..., if that person is a holder of a public office or Member of Parliament, unless that person first resigns”.