

**Nomination For UMNO Elections 2013 Tomorrow  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 20 (Bernama) -- The nomination for this year's UMNO elections will take place simultaneously nationwide tomorrow using, for the first time, the party's new, more democratic and transparent voting system.

Prospective candidates for all posts at the central level must submit their nomination forms to the UMNO headquarters at the Putra World Trade Centre in the capital, while candidates for all posts at divisional level must submit their forms at their respective liaison committee offices, between 8 am and 5 pm.

At the central level, 101 nomination forms have been given to the prospective candidates who wish to contest for the Supreme Council seats, as well as for Wanita UMNO posts (60), Youth (116) and Puteri (41).

After the nomination, there will be a 72-hour or three-day cooling period before the names of contesting candidates are announced.

This cooling period is to enable the Selection Committee to carry out screening process to ensure the candidates are really qualified and to allow those who have submitted their nomination forms to withdraw their candidacies.

The new nomination process followed the amendment in the party constitution in 2009, which also allows an individual to be an UMNO member for at least three years and division committee member for one term before he can contest for one of the Supreme Council seats.

This differs from the previous party regulations that compel a member to meet certain quota requirements before he can contest for the Supreme Council seat.

The new voting system also gives the power to 146,500 delegates from 191 divisions to choose their leaders, simply with the aim to combat money politics.

The elections for Wanita UMNO, Youth and Puteri UMNO is scheduled for Oct 12, while for Supreme Council, Oct 19.

The UMNO General Assembly 2013 is scheduled to held here from Dec 2 to 7.

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