

SCHEDULE

HEALTH BOARD ELECTION RULES

PART 5

CANDIDATES

Validity of nomination

- 17.—(1) A candidate ceases to be nominated if—
- (a) the candidate withdraws before the nomination period ends;
 - (b) the candidate is treated as having withdrawn under rule 16(2);
 - (c) the candidate is disqualified by rule 10 (or becomes so disqualified before the nomination period ends);
 - (d) the candidate dies before the nomination period ends; or
 - (e) the returning officer decides, no later than 24 hours after the nomination period ends, that the candidate's nomination paper is invalid.
- (2) A returning officer may decide that a nomination paper is invalid only if it is not completed in accordance with rule 13(2).
- (3) If a returning officer decides that a nomination paper is invalid, the officer must—
- (a) endorse on the paper the decision and the reasons for it;
 - (b) sign the paper; and
 - (c) send notice of the decision to the candidate's address as stated on the paper.
- (4) A returning officer's decision on validity of a nomination paper is final (but does not prevent the validity of a nomination from being questioned on an election petition).