

## **SCRUTINEER**

Each candidate may appoint representatives, known as scrutineers, to observe election proceedings on their behalf. A candidate may act as his/her own scrutineer. All scrutineers must be appointed in writing, and filed with the SEO. Scrutineers must be at least 18 years of age, but do not necessarily have to be residents of the local authority for which they are appointed. Both a candidate and an official agent may act as a scrutineer. Scrutineers may be present during the opening of the voting place, during the taking of the votes and during the count after the voting place closes, but no more than two scrutineers (per candidate) are allowed at a voting station at one time. Scrutineers are permitted to observe Election Day voting opportunities, as well as advance voting, mobile voting, and during the counting of sealed envelope ballots.

In order to be qualified as a scrutineer, the person must:

- Be at least 18 years old;
- Be a candidate, an official agent, or a person appointed by a candidate or official agent; and
- Take an oath that he/she will respect and uphold the rights of voters and preserve the secrecy of the vote.

The scrutineer should keep a copy of their appointment with them at all times and bring a copy of the appointment to the voting place to present to the voting official.

For additional information, see "Information Sheet for Scrutineers".