



Public Service
Commission

Notice to Provincial Civil Service Employees

Any civil service employee intending to seek public office must follow the legislative requirements of the *Civil Service Act* as noted below:

- In accordance with subsections 39 (1) and (2) of the *Civil Service Act* any employee intending to nominate for election as a member of a regional school board or a councillor, mayor or chairperson of a municipality, including the City of Charlottetown and the City of Summerside must first request permission from his/her deputy head.
- The deputy head shall grant permission unless, in the opinion of the deputy head, a conflict of interest exists.
- In accordance with Section 40 (1) of the *Civil Service Act* an employee intending to declare himself/herself to be or to seek nomination as a candidate in a federal or provincial election shall, before doing so, apply to his/her deputy head for a leave of absence without pay.
- The deputy head shall approve the leave of absence unless the deputy head determines that to do so would seriously undermine the ability of the government to deliver a necessary or essential service to the public.

Further information can be found in sections 93.1 to 93.2 of the Regulations to the *Civil Service Act*.

Other information pertaining to political activity can be found in sections 38 to 41 of the *Civil Service Act*.

The *Civil Service Act* and Regulations can be found at www.gov.pe.ca/law/statutes/pdf/c-08.pdf and www.gov.pe.ca/law/regulations/pdf/C&08G.pdf respectively.

Further inquiries can be directed to the PEI Public Service Commission at 368-4080.