

## **English Pharmacy Board Election 2024**

The scheme for the 2024 election provides for eight substantive places on the English Pharmacy Board for Members or Fellows who work or live wholly or mainly in England, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.

The first 5 candidates elected shall serve for three years and the remaining 3 candidates elected shall serve for two years.

In addition to the substantive places above, there is one additional Casual Vacancy for a period of one year, due to a resignation from the Board effective from June 2024. This position will be filled by the Member or Fellow with the highest number of votes remaining in the election after the substantive places on the Board have been filled.

In the event that there are eight or fewer candidates, meaning an election is not required to be held to fill the vacancies, the allocation of the terms of office shall be determined by drawing of lots. This follows the process to be used in the event of a tied vote as set out in the Election Scheme '*the election shall be decided between the tied candidates by the drawing of lots conducted by the Scrutineer*' (Election Scheme Section 18(6)).

The eligibility criteria are set out below.

**Nominations for candidates in the English Pharmacy Board election cannot be made until 18 March 2024** and must be made via the Independent Scrutineer, Mi-Voice's, website [www.mi-nomination.com/rpharms](http://www.mi-nomination.com/rpharms). For further information please contact Mi-Voice Support on 02380 763987.

The nomination must include details of 10 Member nominators whose own address on the Society's database must be in England, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man or overseas\*. Members who nominate candidates must have completed 2024 membership processes.

\* A Member or Fellow who is resident overseas at the time the electoral roll is closed shall be entitled to nominate a candidate for the English Pharmacy Board unless they have opted to be an elector of one of the other National Pharmacy Boards.

Nominations for election to these vacancies must be received by 12 noon on **8 April 2024**. A nomination submission may be withdrawn by notice in writing, signed by the prospective candidate and delivered to [support@mi-voice.com](mailto:support@mi-voice.com) no later than 9am on 3 May 2024.

### **Eligibility criteria**

1. A Member shall be eligible for election only if they are a Member or Fellow of the Society.
2. A retired Member of the Society shall be eligible for election.
3. A Member or Fellow may only stand for election to one board.
4. A Member or Fellow shall be eligible for election to the English Pharmacy Board only if they work or live wholly or mainly in England, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.

5. If, by resolution of a Board, any elected Member of that Board has ceased to meet the requirements relating to their residency they shall cease to be a Member of the Board in question.
6. Any elected Member of a Board who changes their substantive practice following their election shall be eligible to serve the full term for which they were elected.
  
7. No Member or Fellow shall be eligible for election if they have failed to pay by the date and time fixed for the return of nomination forms ( 8 April 2024) any subscription or other debt due and payable by them to the Society.
8. No Member or Fellow shall be eligible for election if they have been charged with a criminal offence (except where that charge is covered by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974) or have been notified by the Society or any professional, regulatory or public body that they are subject to investigation in relation to their conduct or competence, and the matter is unresolved.
9. No Member or Fellow shall be eligible for election if they are employed by the Society.

#### **Periods of office**

The period of office of members elected to the English Pharmacy Board shall be three years for the first 5 elected candidates, the remaining elected candidates shall receive a term of office of two years.

#### **Timetable**

It is expected that voting instructions will be sent to the electorate on or about 10 May 2024. The deadline for voting will be 5pm on 20 May 2024.

Newly elected Board Members will take office at 00.01 on 18 June 2024 (NB – please be aware that this date could be subject to change).

**James Davies**  
**Returning Officer for England**