

Public servants who received permission from the Public Service Commission to seek nomination as, and be, a candidate in a federal, territorial, provincial and municipal election

UPDATE:

Date	Dataset	Note
01/01/2020	Open Data will replace with new file name	New dataset As of January 1, 2020, this data set will replace CFPPSC_PSRPSN01. In this new set, the attribute “date_published” from the previous data set will be replaced with the new attribute “date_permission_accepted” which provides the date the public servant accepted their permission and the associated condition(s).
01/01/2020	CFPPSC_PSRPSN01 (Valid from December 31, 2005 to December 31, 2019)	Data Set not updated Will be retained for archival purposes.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

[Part 7 \(Political Activities\) of the Public Service Employment Act](#) and its [Regulations](#) provide a regime for governing the political activities of public servants, while recognizing the need to balance their rights to engage in political activities with the principle of an impartial public service. As such, public servants may engage in any political activity as long as it does not impair, or is not perceived as impairing, their ability to perform their duties in a politically impartial manner.

The Public Service Commission (PSC) is responsible for safeguarding the political impartiality of the public service and public servants’ involvement in political activities, including:

- providing guidance with respect to involvement in political activities;
- granting permission and leave for candidacy in federal, provincial, territorial and municipal elections; and
- investigating allegations of improper political activities and taking corrective action when they are founded.

Public servants who are seeking nomination as or being a candidate in an election must obtain the PSC permission before entering into any public candidacy activities. The PSC’s decision is based on ensuring political impartiality, and encompasses the nature of the election, the nature of the public servant’s duties and the level and visibility of their position. Conditions may be imposed with the permission, such as LWOP.

For each permission granted, the Commission publishes the decision in the Canada Gazette.

DATASET DOCUMENTATION

**Regarding “Notes,” for each entry the content in brackets refers to a variable within the dataset.*

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- **Source:** Public Service Commission Political Activities and Non-Partisanship Directorate Internal Database
- **Note (election_date):** Blank cells indicate that the election date was not known at the time the permission was granted

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- **Note (election_date):** Blank cells indicate that the election date was not known at the time the permission was granted
- **Note:** Dataset will no longer be updated as we have changed one column from indicating the date of publication to the date of acceptance. Data is valid from December 31, 2005 to December 31, 2019.
- **Note:** Data includes decisions accepted in 2019 and published in 2020.

GLOSSARY

Attribute Name	Defined Attribute Name
name	Name of the public servant who received permission to seek nomination as, and be, a candidate in a federal, territorial, provincial or municipal election.
organization_e	Organisation where the public servant is working as the time the permission is granted. The organization is subject to the Political Activities Provisions of the <i>Public Service Employment Act</i> . (English)
organization_f	Organisation where the public servant is working as the time the permission is granted. The organization is subject to the Political Activities Provisions of the <i>Public Service Employment Act</i> . (French)
election_level	Federal, territorial, provincial or municipal election.
province_or_territory_e	Province or territory where the public servant is seeking nomination as, and is, a candidate in a federal, territorial, provincial or municipal election. (English)
province_or_territory_f	Province or territory where the public servant is seeking nomination as, and is, a candidate in a federal, territorial, provincial or municipal election. (French)
election_date	Date the election is scheduled to take place.
by_election_e	An election held in a particular municipality or electoral district to fill a vacancy at any time other than during a general election. (English)

by_election_f	An election held in a particular municipality or electoral district to fill a vacancy at any time other than during a general election. (French)
date_permission_accepted	Date the public servant accepted their permission and the associated condition(s).
date_published	Date the information of the permission granted by the Public Service Commission can publicly be accessed in the Gazette of Canada