

Main features of the Oman Election System

Regulation of the Election System	Constitution Electoral Law	Art. 58.2. Electoral Law Regulating Charter for Consultative Council Elections- vide Ministerial Decree No 52/2000 (May 22 nd , 2000).
Active vote (Elector)	Age	21 years of age.
	Electoral Census	Registration on electoral lists and numbered electoral card that includes personal data.
	Sex	Both.
	Incompatibilities	Quarantined persons by judicial rule or sentence. Persons convicted of a criminal offense, or of a misdemeanor unless re-instated. Persons convicted of bankruptcy unless re-instated. Persons in isolation due to mental ailment. Persons belonging to a Military or a Security Service during service and for the two years after finishing it.
Passive vote (Candidate)	Penalties	Those persons who are convicted for impersonating in order to be able to vote in the elections shall be penalized with imprisonment for not more than six months, or with fine not less than five hundred Omani Riyals, or both penalties simultaneously. Entering by force into voting halls to affect the voting process or harm any of the officials responsible for the voting administration. Carrying a fire arm at the voting stations. Committing any act that might affect the voting progress.
	Age	Consultative Council > 30 years of age.
	Incompatibilities	Persons belonging to a Military or a Security Service during their service and for the two years after finishing it or belonging to the State Council or other public position
	Requirements	To be Omani by origin. To be from the Wilayat that he/she stands as a candidate for. To hold good status and reputation in his/her Wilayat. To demonstrate an acceptable level of culture and education with appropriate work experience. To hold the local Election Committee approval to his/her candidacy.
Length of Election Campaign Type of Candidatures	Cannot be a candidate	Convicted of a criminal offence, or of misdemeanor unless re-instated. Quarantined persons by a judicial sentence rule. Convicted with bankruptcy unless re-instated. In isolation due to mental ailment.
	Candidate Centered System	

Vote	Uninominal.
Number of electoral districts	61.
Electoral formula	First Past the Post (FPLP).
Electoral System Family	Plurality/Majority. There is no minimum electoral threshold (in the event of a tie among two or more candidates, the Election Committee in the Wilayat shall conduct a draw in presence of them all. The winner of the draw shall be declared as the chosen candidate for membership of the Consultative Council.
Length of Election Mandate	Consultative Council 4 years.
Number of Seats	84 seats distributed among the 61 provinces. Those provinces with a population of less than 30,000 having one representative and those with populations over 30,000 having two representatives
Candidacy approval	Local Election Committees Central Election Committee Candidature applications are submitted to the Local Election Committees which must ensure that the application satisfies the candidature conditions. Said Committee shall issue a decision accepting or rejecting the application and prepare a preliminary list of the accepted application. All parties have the right to contest the preliminary list of candidates within five days. Election Committees shall issue their decision regarding objections within five days. If a contest is sustained the list is amended accordingly. However, if the decision is declined the contestation may be referred to the Central Election Committee which, within fifteen days, must issue the final candidate lists.

