OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER
2026 EXPEDITED GENERAL ELECTION
ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES

As per section 5. 0 of the *Custom Electoral Code,* it will be required for all nominated candidates to show:

5.1.1 That he or she had their place of ordinary residence in Kanehsatà:ke for no less than three (3) years prior to the election;

Proof: A letter from the Lands, Estates & Membership Department confirming such residency and of such duration. This is to be provided before the end of the nomination period, which is November 20, 2026.

5.1.2 That he or she has lived in the area presently known as the postal code area of JON 1E0

Proof: A letter from the Land, Estates & Membership Department confirming such residency, or
A copy of a utility bill in his or her name with the land location of the service provided. This is to be provided by the end of the nomination period, which is November 20, 2026.

5.1.3 That he or she is of Kanehsatà:ke Mohawk Ancestry

Proof: he or she will be on the band list or public voters list

5.1.4 Has reached the age of eighteen (18) years on or before the last day of the nomination period.

Proof: his or her name will be on the voters list

5.1.5 For the position of Grand Chief, he or she must have completed one full term as a chief of the Mohawk Council of Kanehsatà:ke

Proof: Letter from current administration attesting to the completed full term.

Under Section 6.0, it will also be required to show proof that he or she is not ineligible by showing that:

6.1.1 he or she has not been convicted of a criminal offence for which the member has not received a pardon or a record suspension of the offence, subject to the exception of para. 6.2

Proof: The nominated candidate will submit a **Level 1 Criminal Record Check:** Basic criminal record check based on your name and date of birth. It covers criminal convictions registered in the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) and, where applicable, in certain local police databases. A negative indication shows no criminal convictions.

CPICs are valid for a period of six months.
If there is a non-negative hit, then he or she will be required to obtain:

Level 2 Criminal Record and Judicial Matters Check:
More in-depth check that includes, in addition to criminal convictions, certain outstanding judicial information (charges, warrants, orders, probation, prohibitions, recent conditional or absolute discharges, etc.).

It will provide information regarding Section 6.2 where the person may have been convicted of a criminal offence involving the exercise of Aboriginal rights.

These documents are due by the end of the nomination period. They can be submitted during the nomination process. No extensions of time will be considered.

6.1.2 he or she has no outstanding financial debits with MCK or any of its departments

Proof: A letter from Finance will be provided to show that the nominated candidate does not owe money to the MCK or its departments. Letter to be provided during nomination process.

6.1.3 he or she has not been removed from MCK as a result of a non-confidence following the due process at any time following the ratification of this Custom Electoral Code pursuant to para. 17.1

Proof: A letter from the MCK administration identifying those former officials who have been removed as a result of a non-confidence vote. This would be submitted to the CEO at the beginning of the Nomination Period.

6.1.4. he or she has not been previously suspended from MCK as a result of para. 9.7 unless the candidate has been acquitted of said charges.

Proof: The Administration will provide a list of those elected officials who have been suspended due to a charge of a criminal offence. Proof will be required to show that the charges were vacated or withdrawn if the individual wants to be an eligible candidate.

Action required:

Candidates are expected to be familiar with the eligibility requirements. The *Custom Electoral Code* is a public document and is available at all times.

Last year's election was halted due to several issues, including candidate eligibility. Potential candidates are therefore advised to ensure their documentation is complete and in order for this expedited election.

Please ensure all required documents are submitted during the nomination period.