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ELECTION COMMISSION OF BHUTAN

(Ensuring Free, Fair & Democratic Elections & Referendums)



ECB/DoECE/(01)/2026 - 2027/2039

Date: 17 July 2026

## PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

### Subject: Conduct of Functional Literacy and Possession of Skills Test (FLT) for the Second Phase of the Fourth Local Government Elections, 2027

Pursuant to Section 178 (d) of the Election Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan, 2008, the Election Commission of Bhutan (ECB), hereby notifies the general public that the Functional Literacy and Possession of Skills Test (FLT) for the aspiring candidates of all the *Gewogs* in the country and *Samdrup Jongkhar Thromde* shall be conducted according to the schedule outlined below:

1. Commencement of registration for FLT: 17 July 2026
2. Last date and time for FLT registration : 10 August 2026; 5:00 PM
3. Written Test (FCA) : 1 September 2026
4. Viva-Voce (FCE) : 2 – 4 September 2026

Registered voters of the *Gewogs* and *Dzongkhag Thromdes* of the 20 *Dzongkhags* except *Phuentshogling* and *Thimphu Thromdes*, intending to contest elections to the post of *Gup*, *Mangmi*, *Thromde Ngotshab* and the *Gewog* and *Thromde Tshogpa* in the upcoming Local Government Elections, 2027, are required to register, before 5:00 PM of 10 August 2026, online, through the link below: <https://tinyurl.com/FLT-Registration-LG2026>. While a tentative list of test centres are provided for registration purposes, the venues will only be finalized after 10 August 2026. The final list will be published on the ECB's website ([www.ecb.bt](http://www.ecb.bt)) and also be available for verification at the respective *Dzongkhag* Election Offices.

Individuals already in possession of the FLT Certificates previously issued by the ECB and who intend to contest elections for the post of a *Tshogpa* only, are not required to appear for the upcoming FLT. Based on the earlier FLT Certificates, they will be issued the Competency Level 2 certificates, which shall be available for collection from the respective *Dzongkhag* Election Offices after 16 September 2026.

The Competency Level I Certificate is a mandatory requirement for all *Gup*, *Mangmi*, *Thromde Ngotshab* and Level II Certificates for the *Gewog* and *Thromde Tshogpa* aspiring candidates to file candidate nominations.

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