

Word Count for Candidate Statements

Guide for Candidates

Number of Words – Method of Counting

Category	Example	Number of words
1) Hyphenated words	Co-author	One
	Sub-branch	One
	Vice-president	One
	1980 – 83	One
<p>Hyphenated words are only permitted when they are used according to standard usage –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for compound numbers, eg forty-six • for two part components, where one of the parts cannot stand as an independent word, eg sub-zero, re-election, sub-editor • for compound expressions, eg flow-on, full-time • to avoid ambiguity, eg three two-metre lengths) 		
2) Slashes	Victoria/Tasmania	One
	1984/85	One
	secretary/treasurer	One
3) Abbreviations	AEC	One
	e.g.	One
	i.e.	One
4) One-letter words	a, I,	One
5) Paragraph numbers		Nil
	dots	Nil
	dashes	Nil
	asterisks	Nil