

# Who is eligible?

The Government agreed with the Constitutional Commission's proposal on private-sector candidates – that they must have been the most senior executive of a company with at least \$500 million in shareholders' equity. But it disagreed with recommendations in these areas:

	<b>Commission's recommendation</b>	<b>Government's position</b>
Minimum period in specified position:	Six years	Keep to existing period of three years
Adding up of time spent in different qualifying positions:	Can add up time spent in different positions, but only if they were in the same sector (that is, all private sector or all public sector)	Can add up only time spent in two different positions at most, with each period not less than a year
How recent was position held	Entire period must fall within 15 years of election	Part of the period must fall within 20 years of election
Public-sector positions that automatically qualify	Accountant-General and Auditor-General should not be included	Include both posts for now and reconsider in future if they should be excluded