

Guyana's One-Third Gender Candidate Quota — Two Decades of Sustained Representation

Gender Equality · Good practice · Guyana

Quality score: 100/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Since a 2000 constitutional and electoral-law reform, Guyana has required at least one-third women on every party's candidate list. A quarter-century later, women hold roughly 35-37% of seats in the National Assembly — among the highest and most durable shares in the Americas.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	3/3
Impact on gender equality	1/1
Effectiveness	1/1
Efficiency	1/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	1/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-05

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