

Elections timetable template

Local Government Elections 2025

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18/10/2025

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	Days from Polling Day	Election activities or events	Relevant Act sections or Regulations	Day	Date
	363 to 92	If an elected member's office becomes vacant on or between these days, the council may, with the approval of the Electoral Commissioner, allow the vacancy to remain unfilled until the ordinary election.	LGA s4.16(4) LGA s4.17(2)	Sun to Fri	20/10/2024 to 18/07/2025
	91	If an elected member's office becomes vacant on or after this day the vacancy will remain unfilled until the ordinary election.	LGA s4.16(2)(3) LGA s4.17(1)	Sat	19/07/2025
	80	Last day for local governments to gain agreement from the Electoral Commissioner to conduct the election (compulsory if intent is to hold a postal election).	LGA s4.20 (2)(3)(4) LGA s4.61 (2)(4)	Wed	30/07/2025
	80	A decision for the Electoral Commissioner to conduct the election cannot be rescinded after this day.	LGA s4.20(6) LGA s4.61(5)	Wed	30/07/2025
	77 to 63	Between these days, the CEO of the local government is to give Statewide public notice of the closing date and time for elector enrolments.	LGA s4.39(2)	Sat to Sat	2/08/2025 to 16/08/2025
	63	Last day for the local government's CEO to advise the Electoral Commissioner of the need to prepare an updated residents roll.	LGA s4.40(1)	Sat	16/08/2025
	63 to 52	Advertising may begin for council nominations from 63 days, and no later than 52 days, before election day.	LGA s4.47(1)	Sat to Wed	16/08/2025 to 27/08/2025
Close of rolls	57	Close of Rolls – 5.00pm	LGA 4.39(1)	Fri	22/08/2025
Nominations open	51	Nominations Open First day for candidates to lodge completed nomination papers, in the prescribed form, with the Returning Officer. Nominations are open for 8 days.	LGA s4.49(a)	Thu	28/08/2025
Nominations close	44	Close of Nominations – 4.00pm	LGA 4.49(a)	Thu	4/09/2025
	43	Last day for the Electoral Commissioner to prepare an updated residents roll for the election. Last day for the local government's CEO to prepare an owners and occupiers roll.	LGA s4.40(2) LGA s4.41(1)	Fri	5/09/2025
	26	Returning Officer to give Statewide public notice of the election as soon as practicable but no later than 26 days before election day.	LGA s4.64(1)	Mon	22/09/2025
	22	The preparation of any consolidated roll (combined roll of residents, owners and occupiers) under regulation 18(1) is to be completed on or before the 22nd day before election day.	LGA s4.38(1) Reg. 18(1)(2)	Fri	26/09/2025
	4	Close of absent voting and close of postal vote applications for 'voting in person' elections – 4.00pm.	LGA s4.68(1)(c) Reg. 37(3)(4)	Tue	14/10/2025
	1	Close of early voting for 'voting in person' elections – 4.00pm.	LGA s4.71(1)(b) Reg. 59(2)	Fri	17/10/2025
Election Day	0	Election Day Close of poll – 6.00pm.	LGA s4.7 LGA s4.68(1)(e)	Sat	18/10/2025
	2	Election results declared and published.	LGA s4.77	As soon as practicable	
	2 - 16	Report to Minister. The report relating to an election under section 4.79 is to be provided to the Minister within 14 days after the declaration of the result of the election.	LGA s4.79(1)(2) Reg. 81	As soon as practicable	
	Within 28 days of result publication	An invalidity complaint can be made to a Court of Disputed Returns, constituted by a magistrate, but can only be made within 28 days after notice is given of the result of the election.	LGA s4.81(1)	As applicable	
	Within 2 months of result declaration	Newly elected members to make their declarations of office.	LGA s2.29(1)(2) LGA s2.32(1)(c) LGA s2.34(1)(c)	As soon as practicable	
	Within 3 months of members making declarations	Newly elected members to lodge their Primary Returns with the local government's CEO.	LGA s5.75(1)	As soon as practicable	

* All Act sections refer to the *Local Government Act 1995* (LGA). All regulations refer to the *Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997*.