



Recent amendments to the [Local Government Act 2019](#) that impact the 2021 Local Government Elections are detailed below.

Enrolment

Unenrolled electors (on the day enrolment)

A savings provision enables eligible Territory electors, not on the electoral roll at the close of roll on Tuesday 27 July, to still cast a vote (provisional). A person can enrol and cast a provisional vote at any voting centre. Once a person's enrolment is confirmed by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) their vote is admitted to the count.

Nominations

Nominator (attestor) requirements

A candidate's nomination must be signed by at least one other person (**the nominator**) who is enrolled to vote in the local government area for which the candidate is nominating.

Candidate's given name

A candidate's given name can be shown on the ballot paper as an initial standing for their name or a commonly accepted variation of their name including an abbreviation, truncation or alternative form (for example, William and Bill).

Candidate's photograph

A nomination must be accompanied by a recent photograph of the candidate that is a full faced vertical portrait of the candidate's head and shoulders. Candidate's photographs are printed on the ballot paper and are included on the NT Electoral Commission website.

Photos are preferred in image format JPEG or PNG and emailed to nominations.ntec@nt.gov.au.

Postal voting

The deadline for the receipt of postal ballot papers is 12:00 noon on Friday 10 September.

NOTE: A postal ballot paper must be completed before 6:00 pm on election day Saturday 28 August.

Non-voter fine

Penalty

The penalty for failing to vote at a local government election is \$25.

Scrutineers

One scrutineer representing each candidate is entitled to be present at a voting or counting centre. If there is more than one counting table, one scrutineer per candidate is entitled to be present at each table.

Employee wishing to vote

An employee can apply for up to 2 hours of leave for the purpose of voting. If an employer declines or refuses to grant leave or imposes a disproportionate reduction of pay on the employee, the employer commits an offence.

Maximum penalty: For an individual – 5 penalty units
 For a body corporate – 25 penalty units

Disclosure



Donation and loan disclosure requirements for local government candidates will not apply for the August 2021 local government elections.

Candidates are not required to submit a campaign donation return.