

CANDIDATE FAQS

Key dates

- Nominations open: Friday 17 October to Thursday 6 November 2025 at 12:00 noon
- Postal vote mailout commences: Monday 10 November 2025
- Early voting and remote voting commences: Monday 17 November 2025
- Election day: Saturday 29 November 2025
- Declaration of election results: Monday 15 December 2025

What is happening?

The 2025 Local Government Supplementary Elections be held to fill six vacancies after the 2025 Local Government elections, where there were insufficient candidates for the number of vacancies in the six wards for five councils.

Supplementary elections are required to fill one vacancy in each of the following wards:

Council	Ward
Central Desert Regional Council	Akityarre
MacDonnell Regional Council	Rodinga
Roper Gulf Regional Council	Yugul Mangi
West Arnhem Regional Council	Gunbalanya
West Arnhem Regional Council	Kakadu
Litchfield Council	North

What is the election for?

Voters will elect a Councillor to represent a ward. Local councils manage many of the everyday services closest to you like roads, footpaths, rubbish collection, libraries and parks.

Who can nominate as a candidate?

You can nominate as a local government election candidate if you are:

- an Australian citizen
- 18 years of age or older
- enrolled to vote in the local government area
- a resident within the local council area.

How do I nominate as a candidate?

To nominate as a candidate you must:

- download and complete the nomination form available at ntec.nt.gov.au
- be nominated by at least one other person enrolled in the local government area in which you are standing.
- provide a recent head and shoulder photograph of yourself.
- your completed nomination form and photo can be lodged in person at an NT Electoral Commission office or uploaded via the NTEC website at ntec.nt.gov.au
- nominations can only be lodged after the nominations open and must be submitted by 12:00 noon on Thursday 6 November 2025. Late applications can not be accepted.
- Contact the NTEC or your council office if you require assistance with your nomination.

For more information

It is recommended that you review these handbooks and forms.

- Nomination form
- Candidate handbook
- Scrutineer appointment form
- Scrutineer handbook

For information about the role and responsibilities of a councillor contact your local council.

For more information about the nomination process, reach out to the NT Electoral Commission:

- Phone: 1800 698 683
- Email: ntec@nt.gov.au