



Code of conduct

These code of conduct requirements for campaign workers are to be read in conjunction with the electoral offences outlined in Part 5 of the Local Government (Electoral) Regulations (see electoral offences listed below).

The following additional conditions stipulate the behaviour expected at all voting centres and must be observed by all persons undertaking campaigning activities.

Candidates, campaign workers and scrutineers must not:

- use language that provokes violence towards other candidate or political party campaign workers or members of the public
- intimidate candidates or voters
- enter the prohibition zone set by the officer-in-charge of the voting centre unless duly appointed
- publish or display false information about other candidates or political parties
- plagiarise any other candidate or political party name, acronym or symbol
- offer any inducement or reward to a person to vote for a candidate or party
- destroy, remove or deface posters belonging to other candidates or political parties

A person who does not comply with these conditions may be removed from the voting centre by the officer-in-charge or by the police.

Penalties may apply.

Electoral offences

Section 59 Dishonesty

- (1) A person must not claim, or purport, to exercise voting or other rights in relation to an election to which the person is not entitled.

Fault element: Dishonesty. Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

- (2) A person must not make a misleading statement to an authorised officer in connection with an election.

Fault element: Dishonesty. Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

Section 60 Interference with electoral material

A person must not, without proper authority, damage, destroy or interfere with voting papers, or other materials prepared for official use in an election.

Fault element: Intention. Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

Section 61 Duty of those who assist voters

- (1) A person who assists a person who is unable to vote without assistance must ensure that the assisted person's ballot paper is marked in accordance with the instructions of the assisted person.

Fault element: Knowledge that the vote as recorded does not conform with the instructions.

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

- (2) A person who accepts an application for postal voting papers, or completed postal voting papers, for posting or delivery to a returning officer must immediately post or deliver them to the returning officer.

Fault element: This is an offence of strict liability. Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

Section 62 Conduct at polling place

- (1) A person must not canvass for votes within, or within 10 metres of the entrance to, a polling place while the polling place is open for voting.

Fault element: Intention. Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

- (2) A person must not wear or display campaign material at a polling place while the polling place is open for voting.

Fault element: Intention. Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

- (3) A person (including a scrutineer) must comply with directions given by the authorised officer-in-charge of a polling place in relation to the person's conduct while at the polling place.

Fault element: Intention. Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.