



Northern Territory Electoral Commission

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New local government disclosure requirements for candidates

From 1 July 2022, candidates contesting local government elections are now required to submit a donation disclosure return.

[Part 8.6 of the Local Government Act 2019](#) (the Act) introduces donation disclosure requirements for candidates at local government general elections and by-elections in the Northern Territory.

These disclosure requirements are significantly different to the financial disclosure scheme in place for Legislative Assembly elections in the Territory.

In particular, only candidates standing in a local government election are required to submit a campaign donation return, and only if they meet a threshold.

This campaign donation return is only required for one election period and with no expenditure return or annual return obligations. Donors and lenders are not required to submit returns of donation disclosure.

More information:

[Donation disclosure FAQs \(PDF, 615KB\)](#)

[Donation disclosure handbook \(PDF, 1.2MB\)](#)

[Donation disclosure information sheet \(PDF, 607KB\)](#)

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