



List of offences

Disclaimer: This factsheet is a general overview provided by the Northern Territory Electoral Commission (NTEC). Please consult the legislation and seek independent legal advice as necessary. Unless specified otherwise, all references are to the *Local Government Act 2019* and *Local Government (Electoral) Regulations 2021*.

Overview

The table below provides an overview of electoral offences. The table does not cover all electoral offences and only provides a summary of the offence.

* For further information see <https://agd.nt.gov.au/attorney-general-and-justice/units-and-amounts/penalty-units>

Interfering with the election

Act	Offence	Applies to	Maximum penalty
Section 162(1)	Obstruction or interference with the proper conduct of an election	Person	Individual: 400 penalty units or imprisonment for 2 years
Section 162(2)	Violence or intimidation of voters	Person	Individual: 400 penalty units or imprisonment for 2 years
Section 163	Interference with the secret ballot	Person	Individual: 200 penalty units or imprisonment for 12 months <i>Infringement notice: \$100</i>
Regulation 74(1)	Dishonesty with regard to an electoral right	Person	Individual: 20 penalty units <i>Infringement notice: \$100</i>
Regulation 74(2)	Making a misleading statement to an authorised officer	Person	Individual: 20 penalty units <i>Infringement notice: \$100</i>
Regulation 75	Interference with electoral materials	Person	Individual: 50 penalty units <i>Infringement notice: \$100</i>
Regulation 76(1)	Failing to follow instructions when assisting a voter	Person	Individual: 50 penalty units <i>Infringement notice: \$100</i>
Regulation 76(2)	When assisting another failing to post or deliver a postal voting paper immediately	Person	Individual: 50 penalty units <i>Infringement notice: \$100</i>

Campaign material

Act	Offence	Applies to	Maximum penalty
Section 164(1)	Publication or distribution of <i>unauthorised campaign material</i>	Person	Individual: 100 penalty units <i>Infringement notice: \$100</i>
Section 164(3)	Publication or distribution of campaign material that is misleading or deceptive about the electoral process	Person	Individual: 100 penalty units <i>Infringement notice: \$100</i>

Voting Centre

Act	Offence	Applies to	Maximum penalty
Regulation 77(1)	Canvassing for votes in, or within 10m of the entrance to, a voting centre	Person	Individual: 20 penalty units <i>Infringement notice: \$100</i>
Regulation 77(2)	Wearing or displaying campaign material in a voting centre	Person	Individual: 5 penalty units <i>Infringement notice: \$100</i>
Regulation 77(3)	Failing to comply with the direction of an authorised officer at a voting centre	Person	Individual: 50 penalty units <i>Infringement notice: \$100</i>

Financial Disclosure

Act	Offence	Applies to	Maximum penalty
Section 154(1)	Failing to lodge a campaign donation return	Person	Individual: 100 penalty units <i>Infringement notice: \$100</i>
Section 154(2)	Lodging an incomplete campaign donation return in contravention of regulations	Person	Individual: 100 penalty units <i>Infringement notice: \$100</i>

Version	Date	Author	Changes made
1.1	March 2026	Chris Brack, Financial Disclosure and Compliance Manager	Updated maximum penalty references and removed monetary values.