

CANDIDATE FAQS

2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Key dates

- Nominations open: from Friday 11 July to Thursday 31 July 2025 at 12:00pm
- Postal vote mailout commences: Monday 4 August 2025
- Early voting commences: Monday 11 August 2025
- Election day: Saturday 23 August 2025
- Results declared: Monday 8 September 2025

What is happening?

The 2025 Local Government Elections will determine the elected representatives for 16 of the Territory's 18 local government councils. Two councils recently had general elections and will therefore not be a part of the 2025 Local Government Elections.

Local councils manage many of the everyday services closest to you like roads, footpaths, rubbish collection, libraries and parks.

Voters will elect:

- Mayor (where applicable).
- Councillor/s representing wards or entire council areas.

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 to I nominate as a candidate?

To nominate as a candidate you must:

- complete the nomination form found at ntec.nt.gov.au/25LGE
- 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 may be lodged in person at an NT Electoral Commission office or via the NTEC website at ntec.nt.gov.au
- Nominations can only be lodged after the notice inviting nominations is issued and before 12:00 noon on Thursday 31 July 2025.

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

