

## **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.

*\*Note the displayed penalty unit value is current from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025. The value of a penalty unit will increase before the 2025 Local Government Elections. 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 (\$74,000) or imprisonment for 2 years
Section 162(2)	Violence or intimidation of voters	Person	Individual: 400 penalty units (\$74,000) or imprisonment for 2 years
Section 163	Interference with the secret ballot	Person	Individual: 200 penalty units (\$37,000) 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 (\$3,700) <i>Infringement notice: \$100</i>
Regulation 74(2)	Making a misleading statement to an authorised officer	Person	Individual: 20 penalty units (\$3,700) <i>Infringement notice: \$100</i>
Regulation 75	Interference with electoral materials	Person	Individual: 50 penalty units (\$9,250) <i>Infringement notice: \$100</i>
Regulation 76(1)	Failing to follow instructions when assisting a voter	Person	Individual: 50 penalty units (\$9,250) <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 (\$9,250) <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 (\$18,500) <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 (\$18,500) <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 (\$3,700) <i>Infringement notice: \$100</i>
Regulation 77(2)	Wearing or displaying campaign material in a voting centre	Person	Individual: 5 penalty units (\$925) <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 (\$9,250) <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 (\$18,500) <i>Infringement notice: \$100</i>
Section 154(2)	Lodging an incomplete campaign donation return in contravention of regulations	Person	Individual: 100 penalty units (\$18,500) <i>Infringement notice: \$100</i>

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