



Elections Timetable Template

Local Government Elections

Enter election date>> 21/10/2023

Note: Please manually adjust dates in the 'Date' column which fall on a public holiday to the next business day.

Days from Polling Day	Election Activities or Events	Relevant Act sections or Regulations	Day	Date	
273 to 92	If an elected member's office becomes vacant on or between these days, the council may, with the approval of the Electoral Commissioner, allow the vacancy to remain unfilled until the ordinary election.	LGA s4.16(4) LGA s4.17(2)	Sat to Fri	21/01/2023 to 21/07/2023	
91	If an elected member's office becomes vacant on or after this day the vacancy will remain unfilled until the ordinary election.	LGA s4.16(2)(3) LGA s4.17(1)	Sat	22/07/2023	
80	Last day for local governments to gain agreement from the Electoral Commissioner to conduct the election (compulsory if intent is to hold a postal election).	LGA s4.20 (2)(3)(4) LGA s4.61 (2)(4)	Wed	2/08/2023	
80	A decision for the Electoral Commissioner to conduct the election cannot be rescinded after this day.	LGA s4.20(6) LGA s4.61(5)	Wed	2/08/2023	
70 to 56	Between these days, the CEO of the local government is to give Statewide public notice of the closing date and time for elector enrolments.	LGA s4.39(2)	Sat to Sat	12/08/2023 to 26/08/2023	
56	Last day for the local government's CEO to advise the Electoral Commissioner of the need to prepare an updated residents roll.	LGA s4.40(1)	Sat	26/08/2023	
Close of Rolls	56	Advertising may begin for council nominations from 56 days, and no later than 45 days, before election day.	LGA s4.47(1)	Sat	26/08/2023
	50	Close of Rolls – 5.00pm	LGA 4.39(1)	Fri	1/09/2023
Nominations Open	45	Last day for advertisement to be placed calling for council nominations.	LGA s4.47(1)	Wed	6/09/2023
	44	Nominations Open First day for candidates to lodge completed nomination papers, in the prescribed form, with the Returning Officer. Nominations are open for 8 days.	LGA s4.49(a)	Thu	7/09/2023
Close of Nominations	38	If a candidate's nomination is withdrawn not later than 4.00pm on this day, the candidate's deposit is to be refunded.	LGA s4.50 Reg. 27(5)	Wed	13/09/2023
	37	Close of Nominations – 4.00pm	LGA 4.49(a)	Thu	14/09/2023
	36	Last day for the Electoral Commissioner to prepare an updated residents roll for the election. Last day for the local government's CEO to prepare an owners and occupiers roll.	LGA s4.40(2) LGA s4.41(1)	Fri	15/09/2023
	36	Returning Officer to give Statewide public notice of the election as soon as practicable but no later than 19 days before election day.	LGA s4.64(1)	As soon as practicable	
	22	The preparation of any consolidated roll (combined roll of residents, owners and occupiers) under regulation 18(1) is to be completed on or before this day.	LGA s4.38(1) Reg. 18(1)(2)	Fri	29/09/2023
	19	Last day for the Returning Officer to give Statewide public notice of the election.	LGA s4.64(1)	Mon	2/10/2023
Election Day	4	Close of absent voting and close of postal vote applications for 'voting in person' elections – 4.00pm.	LGA s4.68(1)(c) Reg. 37(3)(4)	Tue	17/10/2023
	1	Close of early voting for 'voting in person' elections – 4.00pm.	LGA s4.71(1)(e) Reg. 59(2)	Fri	20/10/2023
	0	Election Day Close of poll – 6.00pm.	LGA s4.7 LGA s4.68(1)(e)	Sat	21/10/2023
	2	Election results declared and published.	LGA s4.77	As soon as practicable	
	2 - 14	Report to Minister. The report relating to an election under section 4.79 is to be provided to the Minister within 14 days after the declaration of the result of the election. (See Online 'Form 20' at www.dlqc.wa.gov.au)	LGA s4.79(1)(2) Reg. 81	As soon as practicable	
	Within 28 days of result publication	An invalidity complaint can be made to a Court of Disputed Returns, constituted by a magistrate, but can only be made within 28 days after notice is given of the result of the election.	LGA s4.81(1)	As applicable	
	Within 2 months of result declaration	Newly elected members to make their declarations of office.	LGA s2.29(1)(2) LGA s2.32(c) LGA s2.34(1)(c)	As soon as practicable	
	Within 3 months of members making declarations	Newly elected members to lodge their Primary Returns with the local government's CEO.	LGA s5.75(1)	As soon as practicable	

* All Act sections refer to the *Local Government Act 1995*. All regulations refer to the *Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997*.