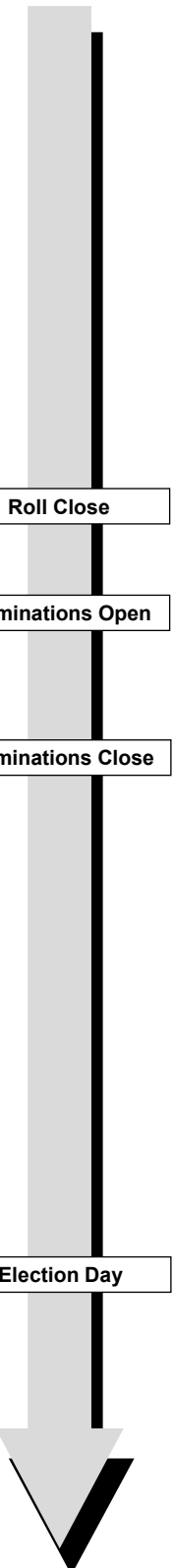




POSTAL ELECTION TIMETABLE 2021 Local Government Ordinary Election

Days to Polling Day	Local Government Act	References to Act/Regs	Day	Date
80	Last day for declaration to have the Electoral Commissioner conduct a postal election.	LGA 4.20 (2)(3)(4)	Wed	28/07/2021
80	A decision made to conduct the election as a postal election cannot be rescinded after the 80th day.	LGA 4.61(5)	Wed	28/07/2021
70	Electoral Commissioner to appoint a person to be the Returning Officer of the Local Government for the election.	LGA 4.20 (4)	Sat	7/08/2021
70 to 56	Between the 70th/56th day the CEO is to give Statewide public notice of the time and date of close of enrolments. Preferred date Wednesday 11 August 2021	LGA 4.39(2)	Sat to Sat	7/08/2021 to 21/08/2021
56	Last day for the CEO to advise the Electoral Commissioner of the need to prepare a residents roll.	LGA 4.40(1)		21/08/2021
56	Advertising may begin for nominations from 56 days and no later than 45 days before election day. Preferred date Wednesday 25 August 2021	LGA 4.47(1)	Sat	21/08/2021
50	Close roll 5.00 pm	LGA 4.39(1)	Fri	27/08/2021
45	Last day for advertisement to be placed calling for nominations.	LGA 4.47(1)	Wed	1/09/2021
44	Nominations Open First day for candidates to lodge completed nomination paper, in the prescribed form, with the Returning Officer. Nominations period is open for 8 days.	LGA 4.49(a)	Thu	2/09/2021
38	If a candidate's nomination is withdrawn not later than 4.00 pm on the 38th day before election day, the candidate's deposit is to be refunded.	Reg. 27(5)	Wed	8/09/2021
37	Close of Nominations 4.00 pm on the 37th day before election day.	LGA 4.49(a)	Thu	9/09/2021
36	Last day for the CEO to prepare & certify an owners & occupiers roll for the election. Last day for the Electoral Commissioner to prepare & certify a residents roll.	LGA 4.41(1) LGA 4.40(2)	Fri	10/09/2021
29	Commencement of lodgement of Country Local Government District election packages with Australia Post. Delivery dependent on normal Australia Post standards.		Fri	17/09/2021
24	Commencement of lodgement of Metropolitan Local Government District election packages with Australia Post. Delivery dependent on normal Australia Post standards.		Wed	22/09/2021
22	The preparation of any consolidated roll under subregulation (1) be completed on or before 22nd day before election day.	Reg. 18(2)	Fri	24/09/2021
19	Public Holiday		Mon	27/09/2021
19	Last day for the Returning Officer to give Statewide public notice of the election. Preferred date Wednesday 15 September 2021	LGA 4.64(1)	Mon	27/09/2021
18	Commence processing returned election packages		Tue	28/09/2021
0	Election Day Close of poll 6.00 pm	LGA 4.7	Sat	16/10/2021

Post Election Day	Post Declaration	References to Act/Regs		Date
5	Election result advertisement.	LGA 4.77	Thu	21/10/2021
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.	Reg.81	Sat	30/10/2021
28	An invalidity complaint is to 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 4.81(1)	Sat	13/11/2021





Elections Timetable Template

Local Government Elections

Enter election date>> 16/10/2021

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	16/01/2021 to 16/07/2021	
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	17/07/2021	
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	28/07/2021	
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	28/07/2021	
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	7/08/2021 to 21/08/2021	
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	21/08/2021	
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	21/08/2021
	50	Close of Rolls – 5.00pm	LGA 4.39(1)	Fri	27/08/2021
Nominations Open	45	Last day for advertisement to be placed calling for council nominations.	LGA s4.47(1)	Wed	1/09/2021
	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	2/09/2021
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	8/09/2021
	37	Close of Nominations – 4.00pm	LGA 4.49(a)	Thu	9/09/2021
	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	10/09/2021
	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	24/09/2021
	19	Last day for the Returning Officer to give Statewide public notice of the election.	LGA s4.64(1)	Mon	27/09/2021
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	12/10/2021
	1	Close of early voting for 'voting in person' elections – 4.00pm.	LGA s4.71(1)(e) Reg. 59(2)	Fri	15/10/2021
	0	Election Day Close of poll – 6.00pm.	LGA s4.7 LGA s4.68(1)(e)	Sat	16/10/2021
	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*.