

POSTAL ELECTION TIMETABLE

2026 Local Government Extraordinary Election - September 2026*

Days to Polling Day	Day	Date	Election Events	References to Act / Regs
80	Mon	6/07/2026	Last day for declaration to have the Electoral Commissioner conduct a postal election.	LGA 4.20(2)(3)(4) LGA 4.61(2)
			Last day to change election type (postal election or in-person election).	LGA 4.61(5)
77	Thu	9/07/2026	Earliest day to give statewide public notice of the time and date of close of enrolments.	LGA 4.39(2)
63	Thu	23/07/2026	Last day to give statewide public notice of the time and date of close of enrolments.	LGA 4.39(2)
63	Thu	23/07/2026	Last day for the CEO to advise the Electoral Commissioner of the need to prepare a residents roll.	LGA 4.40(1)
			Earliest day to give statewide public notice calling for nominations.	LGA 4.47(1)
57	Wed	29/07/2026	Roll Close 5.00 pm on the 57th day before election day.	LGA 4.39(1)
52	Mon	3/08/2026	Last day to give statewide public notice calling for nominations.	LGA 4.47(1)
51	Tue	4/08/2026	Nominations Open Earliest day for candidates to lodge completed nomination paper, in the prescribed form, with the Returning Officer. Nomination period is open for 8 days.	LGA 4.49(a)
44	Tue	11/08/2026	Close of Nominations 4.00 pm on the 44th day before election day.	LGA 4.49(a)
43	Wed	12/08/2026	Last day for the CEO to prepare and certify an owners and occupiers roll for the election.	LGA 4.41(1)
			Last day for the Electoral Commissioner to prepare and certify a residents roll.	LGA 4.40(2)
30	Tue	25/08/2026	Lodgement of election packages with Australia Post. Delivery dependent on normal Australia Post standards.	
29	Wed	26/08/2026	Last day for the preparation of any consolidated roll under subregulation (1) to be completed.	Reg. 18(2)
26	Sat	29/08/2026	Last day to give statewide public notice of the election.	LGA 4.64(1)
17	Mon	7/09/2026	WAEC to commence processing returned election packages.	
0	Thu	24/09/2026	ELECTION DAY - Close of poll 6.00 pm	LGA 4.8
As soon as practicable			Declaration and Notice of Results of Election by the Returning Officer and Local Government	LGA 4.77
Days after Polling Day	Post Declaration of Results Events			References to Act / Regs
Within 14 days	Provision of report to LG 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 (completed by the WAEC).			Reg. 81
Within 28 days	Any 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)