

NSW Electoral Commission

Information for Councils conducting candidate seminars

Candidate help

Candidate enquiries should be directed to:

- the NSW Electoral Commission candidate helpdesk telephone **1300 022 011**, or
- email candidates@elections.nsw.gov.au, or
- visit the NSW Electoral Commission website: elections.nsw.gov.au

A candidate handbook will be available from late April.

Online information sessions conducted by the NSW Electoral Commission will be held from late April and prospective candidates are encouraged to view these information sessions.

Please visit the NSW Electoral Commission website for more details.

Election timetable

The election timetable can be found on the NSW Electoral Commission website under the heading 'What are the key dates?' A link to this page is provided [here](#)

Expenditure and political donations

If a candidate wishes to accept political donations or make payments for electoral expenditure the candidate must first register for the election. The registration of a candidate or group of candidates is a **separate** process to the nomination process that enables candidates and groups to be included on the ballot paper for the election.

The candidate and group registration period is open now. A registration form must be completed and submitted directly to the NSW Electoral Commission up to 12noon on nomination day i.e. by **12noon, Wednesday 4 August 2021**.

A candidate or group is registered once the NSW Electoral Commission has received and processed the registration form. The candidate or group is not permitted to accept political donations or pay for electoral expenditure until registered, or until nominated. More information on the registration process including [registration forms](#) can be found on our [website](#).

Registration enquiries should be directed to:

- the Candidate Helpdesk telephone **1300 022 011**, or
- email fdc@elections.nsw.gov.au

How are candidates nominated?

For this election, prospective candidates and groups have the option to complete and lodge their nomination, including the nomination deposit, online.

The option to use paper nomination forms is still available.

Online

Candidates and groups can complete and lodge their nomination forms and pay their nomination deposit online (Mastercard or Visa only).

The nomination online management system will be accessible on the NSW Electoral Commission website in the week commencing **Monday, 28 June, 2021** (although nominations cannot be lodged until the nomination period).

Nomination period

Nominations forms and deposit must be lodged between **Monday, 26 July 2021** and **12noon, Wednesday 4 August 2021**. Late nominations will **not** be accepted.

It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure a fully and correctly completed nomination form and the relevant nomination deposit is received by close of nominations.