

Compliance Key Dates 2026 State Election

Date	Event
Monday 18 April 2022	Commencement of disclosure period (except for new candidates and groups).
Tuesday 1 July 2025	Commencement of capped expenditure period .
	First day for lodgement of s130PF Certificate for advance funding payments for all intending candidates. Payment A
	One-off administrative funding payment - submission of claims to 1 August 2026
Thursday 1 January 2026	Commencement of designated period .
Friday 30 January 2026	Last day to lodge Administrative Funding claim for half yearly period 1 July 2025 to 31 December 2025.
	Last day to lodge Registered Political Party Returns for period 1 July 2025 to 31 December 2025. (Prior to designated period)
	Last day to lodge Associated Entity Returns for period 1 July 2025 to 31 December 2025. (Prior to designated period)
	Last day to lodge Third Party Returns for period 1 July 2025 to 31 December 2025. (Prior to designated period)
	Last day to lodge Campaign Donations Returns for period starting from commencement of the relevant <i>disclosure period</i> to 31 December 2025. (Prior to designated period)
	Last day to lodge Donor Returns (disclosing donations and loans to candidates or members of a group) made during the period commencing from the start of the disclosure period; 20 April 2022 to 31 December 2025.
	Last day to lodge Donor Returns (disclosing donations to entitled registered political parties) made during the period commencing from 1 July 2025 to 31 December 2025.
	Last day to lodge Donor Returns (disclosing electoral donations to third parties) made during the period commencing from 1 July 2025 to 31 December 2025.
Wednesday 4 February 2026	Last day to lodge Third Party Returns for period 1 January 2026 to 30 January 2026.
Thursday 5 February 2026	Last day to lodge Registered Political Party Returns for period 1 January 2026 to 31 January 2026.
	Last day to lodge Associated Entity Returns for period 1 January 2026 to 31 January 2026.
	Last day to lodge Campaign Donations Returns for period 1 January 2026 to 31 January 2026.
Thursday 12 February 2026	Due date for lodgement of Associated Entity Returns for period 1 February 2026 to 7 February 2026.
	Due date for lodgement of Campaign Donations Returns for period 1 February 2026 to 7 February 2026.
Thursday 19 February 2026	Due date for lodgement of Registered Political Party Returns for period 1 February 2026 to 14 February 2026.
	Due date for lodgement of Associated Entity Returns for period 8 February 2026 to 14 February 2026.
	Due date for lodgement of Campaign Donations Returns for period 8 February 2026 to 14 February 2026
Saturday 21 February 2026	Issue of Writ for state election 2026
Monday 23 February 2026	Advance funding payments for all intending candidates who have lodged a s130PF certificate. Payment B disbursement begins.
	Nominations Open for state election 2026
Thursday 26 February 2026	Due date for lodgement of Associated Entity Returns for period 15 February 2026 to 21 February 2026.
	Due date for lodgement of Campaign Donations Returns for period 15 February 2026 to 21 February 2026

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Monday 2 March 2026	Nominations Close for state election 2026
	Final day for agent registraton (for candidate, group, third parties, associated entities)
Thursday 5 March 2026	Due date for lodgement of Registered Political Party Returns for period 15 February 2026 to 28 February 2026.
	Due date for lodgement of Associated Entity Returns for period 22 February 2026 to 28 February 2026.
	Due date for lodgement of Campaign Donations Returns for period 22 February 2026 to 28 February 2026.
Friday 6 March 2026	Third Party Registration period closes
	Last day to lodge Third Party Returns for period 31 January 2026 to 1 March 2026.
Thursday 12 March 2026	Due date for lodgement of Associated Entity Returns for period 1 March 2026 to 7 March 2026.
	Due date for lodgement of Campaign Donations Returns for period 1 March 2026 to 7 March 2026.
Friday 13 March 2026	Due date for lodgement of cap allocation agreements .
	Due date for lodgement of first bulk audit certificate covering period 1 January 2026 to 13 March 2026.
Thursday 19 March 2026	Due date for lodgement of Registered Political Party Returns for period 1 March 2026 to 14 March 2026.
	Due date for lodgement of Associated Entity Returns for period 8 March 2026 to 14 March 2026.
	Due date for lodgement of Campaign Donations Returns for period 8 March 2026 to 14 March 2026.
Friday 20 March 2026	Last day to lodge s130PF Certificate for advance payments for all intending candidates.
Saturday 21 March 2026	Polling day for state election 2026
Thursday 26 March 2026	Due date for lodgement of Associated Entity Returns for period 15 March 2026 to 21 March 2026.
	Due date for lodgement of Campaign Donations Returns for period 15 March 2026 to 21 March 2026.
Thursday 2 April 2026	Due date for lodgement of Registered Political Party Returns for period 15 March 2026 to 28 March 2026.
	Due date for lodgement of Associated Entity Returns for period 22 March 2026 to 28 March 2026.
	Due date for lodgement of Campaign Donations Returns for period 22 March 2026 to 28 March 2026.
Tuesday 7 April 2026	Last day to lodge Third Party Returns for period 2 March 2026 to 31 March 2026.
	Last day to lodge s130Q Claim for election funding payment for all candidates that did not apply for advance funding.
Thursday 9 April 2026	Due date for lodgement of Associated Entity Returns for period 29 March 2026 to 4 April 2026.
	Due date for lodgement of Campaign Donations Returns for period 29 March 2026 to 4 April 2026.
Thursday 16 April 2026	Due date for lodgement of Registered Political Party Returns for period 29 March 2026 to 11 April 2026.
	Due date for lodgement of Associated Entity Returns for period 5 April 2026 to 11 April 2026.
	Due date for lodgement of Campaign Donations Returns for period 5 April 2026 to 11 April 2026.
Monday 20 April 2026	End of designated period and capped expenditure period and disclosure period .
Thursday 23 April 2026	Due date for lodgement of Associated Entity Returns for period 12 April 2026 to 18 April 2026.
	Due date for lodgement of Campaign Donations Returns for period 12 April 2026 to 18 April 2026.
Monday 27 April 2026	Due date for lodgement of Political Party Returns for period 12 April 2026 to 20 April 2026.
	Due date for lodgement of Associated Entity Returns for period 19 April 2026 to 20 April 2026.
	Last day to lodge Third Party Returns for period 1 April 2026 to 20 April 2026.
	Due date for lodgement of Campaign Donations Returns for period 19 April 2026 to 20 April 2026.
	Due date for lodgement of Donor Returns (disclosing donations and loans to candidates and members of a group) made between 1 January 2026 and 20 April 2026
	Last day to lodge Donor Returns (disclosing donations to entitled registered political parties) made between 1 January 2026 to 20 April 2026.
	Last day to lodge Donor Returns (disclosing electoral donations to third parties) made between 1 January 2026 to 20 April 2026.
	Due date for lodgement of second bulk audit certificate covering period commencing 14 March 2026 to 20 April 2026.



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Wednesday 20 May 2026	Due date for lodgement of Capped Expenditure Period Returns showing political expenditure by registered political party, candidate, group or third party for period 1 July 2025 to 20 April 2026.
Monday 20 July 2026	Last day for payment of public funding by ECSA to agents of eligible registered political parties, MPs and independent candidates and groups.
	Early Advance Funding (outside of capped expenditure period).
Thursday 30 July 2026	Last day to lodge Registered Political Party - Details of associated entities form.
	Last day to lodge Donor Returns (disclosing donations to entitled registered political parties) made between 21 April 2026 to 30 June 2026.
	Last day to lodge Donor Returns (disclosing donations to third parties) made between 21 April 2026 to 30 June 2026.
Monday 3 August 2026	Last day to lodge One-Off Payment Administrative Funding claim for period 1 July 2025 to 1 August 2026.
Monday 22 September 2026	Last day to lodge Annual Return for Political Expenditure by any person who has incurred political expenditure of more than \$5,000 during the financial year 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.
	Last day to lodge Annual Return Relating to Amounts received for Political Expenditure during the financial year 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

NB: Dates may be subject to change