

By-election fact sheet:

Timeline of process for eligible candidates

(Lalor Ward, Whittlesea City Council)

A by-election is taking place in Lalor Ward in Whittlesea City Council in August 2025 after the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) declared this election result void on Thursday 8 May 2025.

Election timeline and important dates

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**Thursday
May 2025**

Vacancy date

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**Wednesday
May 2025**

Roll closes at 4pm

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**Wednesday
June 2025**

Online candidate info session at 6pm

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**Monday
June 2025**

Nominations open

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**Tuesday
June 2025**

Nominations and lodgement of candidate products closes 12 noon

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**Monday
July 2025**

Ballot pack mail out begins

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**Friday
August 2025**

Voting closes at 6pm

Nominating as a candidate

All local council candidates must meet eligibility requirements in order to nominate. It is your responsibility to make sure that you are qualified to be a candidate.

Eligibility

Qualifications

You are eligible to nominate as a candidate if you are:

- 18 years of age or older
- an Australian citizen
- enrolled on the voters' roll for the council you wish to nominate in
- not disqualified from being a Councillor (see Disqualifications below)

You must complete the mandatory Local Government Candidate Training before submitting your nomination form.

Disqualifications

You cannot nominate as a local candidate or become a councillor if you:

- are a member of an Australian Parliament, including the Federal Parliament or a Parliament of a state or territory of the Commonwealth of Australia
- are employed as a ministerial officer, parliamentary adviser or an electorate officer (however designated) by a member of an Australian Parliament
- are a Councillor of another council, including interstate councils

- are a member of council staff (unless you have taken leave from that office or position for the election period)
- are an undischarged bankrupt
- have property that is subject to control under the law relating to bankruptcy
- have been convicted of any of the offences referred to in section 34(2) of the Act
- are currently disqualified for any of the reasons referred to in the Act
- are otherwise incapable of becoming or continuing to be a Councillor

Mandatory Candidate Awareness Training

All local council candidates must complete the Local Government Victoria (LGV) local government candidate training.

This training is required even if you are currently or have already been a councillor.

You must provide the time and date you completed the training when submitting your nomination form. Training must be completed within 2 years before the election day for the election in order to be valid.

If you have not completed this training, you are not eligible to nominate as a councillor.



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