

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT (POSTAL VOTING) REGULATIONS\*

**Citation.** 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Local Government (Postal Voting) Regulations.\*

**Interpretation.** 2.—(1.) In these Regulations “the Ordinance” means the *Local Government Ordinance 1954-1966*.

(2.) In these Regulations, a reference to a form by number shall be read as a reference to the form so numbered in the Schedule to these Regulations.

(3.) Strict compliance with the forms contained in the Schedule to these Regulations is not necessary and substantial compliance is sufficient.

**Application for and issue of postal voting papers.**

3.—(1.) An elector who is entitled to vote by post under the provisions of section 106A of the Ordinance may, on any day after the date fixed for the receipt of nominations for an election, make an application in Form 1 for a postal vote certificate and postal ballot-paper to the returning officer of the municipality in which the elector is enrolled.

(2.) The application shall state the place which will be the place of living of the applicant elector at the time when a postal vote certificate and postal ballot-paper would in the ordinary course of post be delivered to him.

(3.) The application shall be deemed not to have been duly made to a returning officer if it reaches the returning officer after six o'clock in the evening of the day immediately preceding polling day.

(4.) Upon receipt of the application duly made in accordance with the preceding sub-regulations of this regulation, the returning officer if satisfied that the application is duly signed by the applicant elector and is properly witnessed, shall deliver or post to the elector a postal vote certificate and a postal ballot-paper for the election together with directions in accordance with Form 2.

**Penalty for making, or inducing to make, false statement in application.**

4. An elector shall not make, and a person shall not induce an elector to make, any false statement in an application for a postal vote certificate and postal ballot-paper, or in the declaration contained in such application.

Penalty: One hundred dollars or imprisonment for one month.

**Duty of authorized witness witnessing application.**

5.—(1.) An authorized witness shall not witness the signature of any elector to an application for a postal vote certificate and postal ballot-paper unless—

- (a) he has satisfied himself as to the identity of the applicant;
- (b) he has seen the applicant sign the application in his own handwriting; and
- (c) he knows that the statements contained in the application are true, or has satisfied himself by inquiry from the applicant or otherwise that the statements contained in the application are true.

Penalty: One hundred dollars or imprisonment for one month.

\* Regulations 1966, No. 9, in force under the *Local Government Ordinance 1954-1966*; made on 30th March, 1966; notified in *Northern Territory Government Gazette* and commenced on 31st March, 1966.

(2.) The authorized witness shall sign his name in his own handwriting on the application in the space provided for the purpose, and shall add the date.

6. A person shall not persuade or induce, or associate himself with a person in persuading or inducing, an elector to make application for a postal vote certificate and postal ballot-paper.

Penalty for inducing elector to apply for postal vote.

Penalty: One hundred dollars or imprisonment for one month.

7. All applications for postal vote certificates and postal ballot-papers received by the returning officer shall be numbered consecutively and duly endorsed, shall be kept by him and shall be opened to public inspection at all convenient times during office hours from and including the third day after polling day until the election can no longer be questioned.

Applications to be numbered and dealt with.

8. The returning officer shall, before issuing a postal vote certificate and postal ballot-paper in response to an application—

Certificates to be numbered to correspond with applications.

(a) number the certificate with the number corresponding to the number on the application; and

(b) initial the back of the ballot-paper.

9.—(1.) The returning officer shall note on the certified copy or copies or the electors roll the name of each elector to whom a postal vote certificate and postal ballot-paper have been issued pursuant to an application under these Regulations.

Returning officer to note issue of postal vote certificate and postal ballot-paper.

(2.) An elector to whom a postal vote certificate and postal ballot-paper have been issued pursuant to such an application shall not be entitled to vote at a polling booth unless he first delivers to the presiding officer for cancellation his postal vote certificate and postal ballot-paper.

10. Notwithstanding anything contained in the last preceding regulation, where a person whose name has been noted on a certified copy of an electors roll used at a polling place as an elector to whom a postal vote certificate and postal ballot-paper have been issued claims to vote at that polling place, and states, when requested to deliver to the presiding officer for cancellation his postal vote certificate and postal ballot-paper, that he has not received a postal vote certificate or postal ballot-paper, he may, subject to section 100 of the Ordinance, be permitted to vote if he signs and makes a declaration in accordance with Form 3 before the presiding officer at the polling place.

Person claiming to vote, whose name is noted under r.9.

(2.) A declaration in accordance with Form 3 shall—

(a) be printed on an envelope addressed to the returning officer for the municipality in which the elector is enrolled;

(b) after being filled up, be signed by the voter with his personal signature in the presence of the presiding officer; and

(c) be completed and attested by the presiding officer.

(3.) The presiding officer shall then, subject to the provisions of this regulation, initial and hand to the voter one ballot-paper headed "Regulation 10" for the election held on the date upon which the declaration is made.

(4.) The voter shall then forthwith—

- (a) retire alone to an unoccupied compartment of the polling booth and there, in private, mark his vote on the ballot-paper handed to him, in the manner directed thereon; and
- (b) fold the ballot-paper in such a manner as to conceal the vote marked thereon and at once return it so folded to the presiding officer before whom he made his declaration.

(5.) The presiding officer shall then see that he receives from the voter the ballot-paper duly folded, and, if necessary for purposes of identification, shall request the voter to again state his name, and then, without unfolding the ballot-paper, shall forthwith, in the presence of the voter and of such scrutineer or scrutineers (if any) as are present, enclose the ballot-paper received from that voter in the envelope bearing the declaration of the voter addressed to the returning officer for the municipality in which the voter is enrolled, securely fasten the envelope, and deposit it in the ballot-box.

(6.) The returning officer, on receipt of the envelope containing the ballot-paper as aforesaid, shall, before opening the envelope or allowing any other person to do so, examine the declaration of the voter, and, if it is in order and he is satisfied, after making such inquiry as may be necessary that the voter is a person to whom sub-regulation (1.) of this regulation applies, cause the ballot-paper to be dealt with in the manner prescribed in connexion with the scrutiny of postal voters' ballot-papers, and forthwith direct that such correction (if any) as is necessary be made in the certified copy of the electors roll, and the correction shall be made accordingly.

Penalty for making untrue statement in declaration under r. 10.

11. A person shall not make a false statement in a declaration made under the last preceding regulation.

Penalty: Forty dollars.

Form of postal vote certificate.

12.—(1.) A postal vote certificate shall be in accordance with Form 4 and shall be printed on an envelope addressed to the returning officer for the municipality in which the elector is enrolled.

(2.) A declaration in accordance with Form 5 shall also be printed on that envelope.

Postal ballot-paper.

13.—(1.) The postal ballot-paper shall be—

- (a) in the case of an election, in accordance with Form 6 or Form 7, as the case requires; or
- (b) in the case of a poll of electors, in accordance with Form 8.

(2.) The names shall be arranged in the ballot-papers in the order prescribed in section 96 of the Ordinance.

Offences—personation, &c.

14. A person shall not—

- (a) personate any other person for the purpose of—
  - (i) obtaining a postal ballot-paper to which he is not entitled; or
  - (ii) voting by post at an election; or

- (b) make a false statement in a declaration made in accordance with Form 5.

Penalty: One hundred dollars.

**15.** The returning officer shall issue a postal vote certificate and postal ballot-paper— Issue of postal vote papers.

- (a) by delivering them to the applicant personally; or  
(b) by sending them by post to the applicant at the place specified in his application.

**16.** The returning officer shall keep a locked and sealed ballot-box with the words "Postal Ballot-box" marked thereon, and shall place and keep therein, until the scrutiny, all envelopes containing postal ballot-papers received by him within four days after polling day. Postal ballot-box.

**17.—(1.)** Subject to the next succeeding sub-regulation, the following persons shall be authorized witnesses within the meaning of these Regulations:— Authorized witnesses.

- (a) any elector whose name appears on an electoral roll kept under any law relating to the election of members of the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth; and  
(b) where the vote is recorded outside Australia—  
(i) an officer of the naval, military or air forces of the Commonwealth or of some other part of the Queen's dominions;  
(ii) a person employed in the Public Service of the Commonwealth, a Territory of the Commonwealth or a part of the Queen's dominions; and  
(iii) a Justice of the Peace for, or a minister of religion or medical practitioner resident in, a Territory of the Commonwealth or a part of the Queen's dominions.

(2.) No person who is a candidate at any election shall be an authorized witness at that election.

**18.** In the recording of postal votes under these Regulations, the following directions are to be substantially observed:— Direction for postal voting.

- (a) the elector shall exhibit his unmarked postal ballot-paper and his postal vote certificate to the authorized witness;  
(b) the declaration in accordance with Form 5 shall, after being filled up, be signed, in the place provided, by the elector with his personal signature in the presence of the authorized witness;  
(c) the authorized witness shall, then and there, sign his name in his own handwriting on the declaration in the place provided for the signature of the authorized witness, and shall add the title under which he acts as an authorized witness and the date;

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- (d) the elector shall, then and there, in the presence of the authorized witness, but so that the authorized witness cannot see the vote, mark his vote on the ballot-paper in accordance with the directions printed thereon, fold the ballot-paper, place it in the envelope (on which the postal vote certificate is printed) addressed to the returning officer and fasten the envelope;
- (e) the elector shall forthwith post or deliver the envelope or cause it to be posted or delivered to the returning officer, as the case requires;
- (f) if the elector satisfies the authorized witness that his sight is so impaired or that he is so physically incapacitated that he is unable to vote without assistance, he may appoint a person to assist him to vote, and in that case the authorized witness shall in the presence of the person appointed to assist the elector—
  - (i) fill in the declaration with the required particulars relating to the enrolment of the elector, as requested by such elector;
  - (ii) read over to the elector the declaration;
  - (iii) require the elector to sign the declaration—
    - (A) in his own handwriting if he is able to do so; or
    - (B) with his mark as his personal signature if he is unable to sign his name in his own handwriting;
  - (iv) witness the signature of the elector;
  - (v) complete and attest the declaration;
  - (vi) permit the person appointed by the elector to mark and fold the ballot-paper for the elector; and
  - (vii) enclose the ballot-paper in the envelope (on which the postal vote certificate is printed) addressed to the returning officer, fasten the envelope and hand it to the elector, who shall forthwith post or deliver it, or cause it to be posted or delivered, to the returning officer, as the case requires;
- (g) if any elector to whom the last preceding paragraph applies fails to appoint a person to assist him to vote, or if any elector satisfies the authorized witness that he is so illiterate that he is unable to vote without assistance, the authorized witness shall take the action indicated in sub-paragraphs (i) to (v) (inclusive) of the last preceding paragraph, and shall then, in the presence of a person who is qualified under sub-regulation (1.) of regulation 17 of these Regulations to be an authorized witness—
  - (i) mark and fold the ballot-paper for the elector; and
  - (ii) deal with it in the manner directed in sub-regulation (vii) of the last preceding paragraph;

(h) the authorized witness shall not, unless—

- (i) the elector's sight is so impaired or he is so physically incapacitated that he is unable to vote without assistance and no person is appointed by the elector to mark his vote for him; or
- (ii) the elector is so illiterate that he is unable to vote without assistance,

look at, or make himself acquainted with, the vote given by the elector and, except as provided in paragraphs (f) and (g) of this sub-regulation, shall not suffer or permit any person (other than the elector) to become acquainted with the elector's vote, or to assist the elector to vote, or to interfere in any way with the elector in relation to his vote.

19.—(1.) Every authorized witness shall—

- (a) comply with the last preceding regulation in so far as it is to be complied with on his part;
- (b) see that the directions in the last preceding regulation are complied with by every elector voting by post before him, and by every person present when the elector votes; and
- (c) refrain from disclosing any knowledge of the vote of any elector voting by post before him.

Duty of authorized witness witnessing vote.

Penalty: Two hundred dollars, or imprisonment for three months.

(2.) An authorized witness shall not influence, or attempt to influence, in any way, the vote of an elector voting by post before him.

Penalty: Two hundred dollars or imprisonment for six months.

20. Any person present when an elector is before an authorized witness for the purpose of voting by post shall—

- (a) obey all directions of the authorized witness; and
- (b) except as provided in paragraph (f) of regulation 18 of these Regulations—
  - (i) refrain from making any communication whatever to the elector in relation to his vote;
  - (ii) refrain from assisting the elector or in any manner interfering with him in relation to his vote; and
  - (iii) refrain from looking at the elector's vote or from doing anything whereby he may become acquainted with the elector's vote.

Duty of persons present when an elector votes by post.

Penalty: Two hundred dollars or imprisonment for three months.

21. No person other than—

- (a) the elector to whom the postal ballot-paper has been issued; or
- (b) a person appointed by the elector or an authorized witness, acting in pursuance of paragraph (f) of regulation 18 of these Regulations, assisting an elector who is unable to vote without assistance,

Penalty for unlawfully marking postal ballot-paper.

shall mark a vote upon the ballot-paper.

Penalty: Two hundred dollars or imprisonment for six months.

Penalty for inducing elector to hand over postal ballot-paper.

22. A person shall not persuade or induce an elector to hand over to him a postal ballot-paper upon which a vote has been recorded.

Penalty: One hundred dollars or imprisonment for one month.

Penalty for failure to post or deliver application or postal ballot-paper.

23. A person to whom an application for a postal vote certificate and postal ballot-paper or an envelope containing or purporting to contain a postal ballot-paper is entrusted by a voter for the purpose of posting or delivery to a returning officer shall not fail to forthwith post or deliver the application or envelope.

Penalty: One hundred dollars or imprisonment for one month.

Postal vote recorded on or before polling day only admitted to count.

24.—(1.) The returning officer shall not admit a postal vote to the counting of votes unless it is recorded on or before the day fixed for the polling.

(2.) In the absence of evidence to the contrary, the date appearing in the declaration of an elector shall be taken as the date upon which the elector's vote was recorded.

Scrutiny of postal votes.

25. The scrutiny of postal votes received by the returning officer within four days after the day fixed for the polling shall be conducted, with the assistance of an officer, in the presence of such authorized scrutineers as choose to attend and any other persons approved by the returning officer.

Manner of preliminary scrutiny of postal votes.

26. The returning officer shall—

- (a) at such intervals as he determines, after the close of the polling, produce and open the postal voters' ballot-box in which the envelopes containing the voters' ballot-papers have been placed and produce unopened all envelopes containing postal votes received within four days after polling day;
- (b) as far as practicable when producing and opening the postal voters' ballot-box under the last preceding paragraph, keep in the ballot-box sufficient envelopes containing ballot-papers to ensure that all ballot-papers when counted, shall be taken from a number sufficient to prevent the identity of voters from being disclosed;
- (c) compare the signature of the elector on his declaration with the signature of the same elector on his application and allow the scrutineers to inspect both signatures;
- (d) if satisfied that the voter's signature on his declaration is that of the elector who signed the application and that the signature purports to be witnessed by an authorized witness, and that the vote contained in the envelope was recorded either on or before polling day, accept the ballot-paper for further scrutiny, and place a mark against the name of the elector on a certified copy of the electors roll to be used by him for the purposes of the scrutiny, but if not so satisfied, disallow the ballot-paper without opening the envelope in which it is contained;

- (e) place in one parcel the unopened envelopes bearing the duly signed and attested declarations of those persons whose ballot-papers have been accepted for further scrutiny;
- (f) place in another parcel the unopened envelopes bearing the declarations of those persons whose ballot-papers he has disallowed, fasten and seal the parcel, indorse thereon the words "Postal voters' ballot-papers rejected at the preliminary scrutiny" and add the name of the municipality or the ward and the municipality, as the case may be, his signature and the date;
- (g) place the envelopes containing the ballot-papers which he has decided to accept for further scrutiny before him on a table in such a manner that the address side of each envelope shall be visible;
- (h) number each envelope consecutively from one upwards in the top right-hand corner until the whole of the envelopes have been dealt with;
- (i) without further examining the certificate or declaration of any voter or permitting any other person to do so, withdraw from the envelope each ballot-paper contained therein and, without inspecting or unfolding such ballot-paper or allowing any other person to do so, place thereon a number corresponding with that placed on the envelope from which the ballot-paper has been withdrawn and forthwith deposit the folded ballot-paper in a locked and sealed ballot-box for further scrutiny; and
- (j) place the envelopes in a parcel, indorsed with the words "Envelopes bearing postal voters' declarations from which ballot-papers have been withdrawn for further scrutiny", fasten and seal the parcel, and add the name of the municipality or the ward and the municipality as the case may be, his signature and the date.

27. At the further scrutiny the returning officer shall, at such intervals Further scrutiny of postal votes. as he determines, open the ballot-box referred to in paragraph (i) of the last preceding regulation, examine the postal voters' ballot-papers contained therein, and take similar action to that set out in sections 107 and 108 of the Ordinance.

# THE SCHEDULE

Form 1

Regulation 3

## THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Local Government Ordinance 1954-1966

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT (POSTAL VOTING) REGULATIONS

#### APPLICATION FOR POSTAL VOTE CERTIFICATE AND POSTAL BALLOT-PAPER

To the Returning Officer,  
Municipality of

I, (a) hereby apply for a postal vote certificate and postal ballot-paper to enable me to vote by post at the next forthcoming election.

(a) Insert full name in block letters.

I declare—

- (1) That I am an elector enrolled on the electors roll for the municipality of



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- (2) That my real place of living is, or at some time within three months immediately preceding the polling day for the election to which this application relates was in the Northern Territory.
- (3) That the ground on which I apply to vote by post is—
- (a) That I will not throughout the hours of polling on polling day be within the municipality.
  - (b) That I am seriously ill or infirm and, by reason of such illness or infirmity, will be precluded from attending at a polling booth to vote.
  - (c) That I will, by reason of approaching maternity, be precluded from attending at a polling booth to vote.
  - (d) That I am by reason of my membership of a religious order or my religious beliefs—
    - (i) precluded from attending at a polling booth; or
    - (ii) precluded from voting throughout the hours of polling on polling day or throughout the greater part of those hours.
- (4) That my place of living at the time when the postal vote certificate and postal ballot-paper would be delivered in the ordinary course of post will be as follows:—

*Note.—Strike out any of these grounds which do not apply to the elector.*

*(Personal signature or mark of elector)*

Signed by the elector with his personal signature or mark in my presence.

*(Signature of authorized witness)*

*(Address of witness)*

Dated at the day of , 19 .

Form 2

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DIRECTIONS TO ELECTOR AND AUTHORIZED WITNESS

These directions should be noted by the elector and handed to the authorized witness for his information and guidance at the same time as the elector exhibits to him the unmarked ballot-paper and postal vote certificate.

NOTE.—Any elector whose name appears on an electoral roll kept under a law relating to the election of members of the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth is an authorized witness.

(1) *Postal Voting by an Elector—*

- (a) The elector shall exhibit his unmarked ballot-paper and his postal vote certificate to the authorized witness.
- (b) The declaration (printed on the envelope bearing the postal vote certificate) shall, after being filled up, be signed in the place provided by the elector with his personal signature, in the presence of the authorized witness.
- (c) The authorized witness shall, then and there, sign his name in his own handwriting on the declaration in the place provided for the signature of authorized witness, and shall add the Territory or State where his name appears on an electoral roll kept under a law relating to the election of members of the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth, his address and the date.

NOTE.—Where a vote is recorded outside Australia, the authorized witness shall, where necessary, delete from the declaration the words "An elector whose name appears on the electoral roll, kept under a law relating to the election of members of the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth, for the Territory or State of....." and insert in lieu

thereof the title under which he acts as an authorized witness, namely "Officer of the naval (military or air) forces of.....", (the Commonwealth or other part of the Queen's dominions), "Person employed in the Public Service of.....", (the Commonwealth, a Territory thereof or other part of the Queen's dominions), "Justice of the Peace for.....", (a Territory of the Commonwealth or a part of the Queen's dominions), "Minister of religion resident in.....", (a Territory of the Commonwealth or a part of the Queen's dominions) or "Medical Practitioner resident in.....", (a Territory of the Commonwealth or a part of the Queen's dominions), as the case may be.

- (d) The elector shall, then and there, in the presence of the authorized witness, but so that the authorized witness cannot see the vote, mark his vote on the ballot-paper in accordance with the directions printed thereon, fold the ballot-paper, place it in the envelope (on which the postal vote certificate is printed) addressed to the returning officer and fasten the envelope.
- (e) The elector shall forthwith post or deliver the envelope or cause it to be posted or delivered, to the returning officer, as the case requires.
- (f) If the elector satisfies the authorized witness that his sight is so impaired or that he is so physically incapacitated that he is unable to vote without assistance, he may appoint a person to assist him to vote, and in that case the authorized witness shall—
  - (i) fill in the declaration with the required particulars relating to the enrolment of the elector, as requested by such elector;
  - (ii) read over to the elector the declaration;
  - (iii) require the elector to sign the declaration—
    - (A) in his own handwriting if he is able to do so; or
    - (B) with his mark as his personal signature if he is unable to sign his name in his own handwriting;
  - (iv) cause the signature of the elector, if made by means of a mark, to be witnessed by a person, other than the authorized witness, who is qualified under the Regulations to be an authorized witness;
  - (v) complete and attest the declaration;
  - (vi) permit the person appointed by the elector to mark and fold the ballot-paper for the elector; and
  - (vii) enclose the ballot-paper in the envelope (on which the postal vote certificate is printed) addressed to the returning officer, fasten the envelope and hand it to the elector, who shall forthwith post or deliver it, or cause it to be posted or delivered, to the returning officer, as the case requires.
- (g) If any elector to whom paragraph (f) of these Directions applies fails to appoint a person to assist him to vote, or if any elector satisfies the authorized witness that he is so illiterate that he is unable to vote without assistance, the authorized witness shall take the action indicated in sub-paragraphs (i) to (v) inclusive of that paragraph, and shall then, in the presence of a person who is qualified under the Regulations to be an authorized witness—
  - (i) mark and fold the ballot-paper for the elector; and
  - (ii) deal with it in the manner directed in sub-paragraph (vii) of paragraph (f) of these Directions.

## **(2) Further Directions to Authorized Witness**

The authorized witness shall not unless—

- (a) the elector's sight is so impaired, or he is so physically incapacitated, that he is unable to vote without assistance and no person is appointed by the elector to mark his vote for him; or
- (b) the elector is so illiterate that he is unable to vote without assistance,

look at, or make himself acquainted with, the vote given by the elector, and, except as provided in paragraph (f) or paragraph (g) of the preceding Directions, shall not suffer or permit any person (other than the elector) to see or become acquainted with the elector's vote, or to assist the elector to vote, or to interfere in any way with the elector in relation to his vote.

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Every authorized witness shall—

- (a) comply with the preceding Directions in so far as they are to be complied with on his part;
- (b) see that the preceding Directions are complied with by every elector voting by post before him and by every person present when the elector votes; and
- (c) refrain from disclosing any knowledge of the vote of any elector voting by post before him.

Penalty: Two hundred dollars or imprisonment for three months.

An authorized witness shall not influence, or attempt to influence, in any way, the vote of an elector voting by post before him.

Penalty: Two hundred dollars or imprisonment for six months.

### *(3) Authorized Witnesses*

The following persons are authorized witnesses for the purpose of postal voting by electors of a municipality in the Northern Territory, namely:—

- (a) any elector whose name appears on an electoral roll kept under any law relating to the election of members of the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth; and
- (b) where the vote is recorded outside Australia—
  - (i) an officer of the naval, military or air forces of the Commonwealth or of some other part of the Queen's dominions.
  - (ii) a person employed in the Public Service of the Commonwealth, a Territory of the Commonwealth or a part of the Queen's dominions; and
  - (iii) a Justice of the Peace for, or a minister of religion or medical practitioner resident in, a Territory of the Commonwealth or a part of the Queen's dominions.

But no person who is a candidate at any election shall be an authorized witness at that election.

### *(4) Duty of Persons Present When an Elector Votes by Post*

Any person present when an elector is before an authorized witness for the purpose of voting by post shall—

- (a) obey all directions of the authorized witness; and
- (b) except as provided in paragraph (f) or paragraph (g) of the preceding Directions—
  - (i) refrain from making any communication whatever to the elector in relation to his vote;
  - (ii) refrain from assisting the elector or in any manner interfering with him in relation to his vote; and
  - (iii) refrain from looking at the elector's vote or from doing anything whereby he may become acquainted with the elector's vote.

Penalty: Two hundred dollars or imprisonment for three months.

### *(5) Penalty for Unlawfully Marking Ballot-paper*

No person other than—

- (a) the elector to whom the postal ballot-paper has been issued; or
- (b) a person appointed by the elector or an authorized witness, acting in pursuance of paragraph (f) or paragraph (g) of these Directions to Elector and Authorized Witness, assisting an elector who is unable to vote without assistance,

shall mark a vote upon the postal ballot-paper.

Penalty: Two hundred dollars or imprisonment for six months.

### *(6) Penalty For Inducing Elector To Hand Over Postal Ballot-paper*

A person shall not persuade or induce an elector to hand over to him a postal ballot paper upon which a vote has been recorded.

Penalty: One hundred dollars or imprisonment for one month.

Form 3

Regulation 10

THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Local Government Ordinance 1954-1966

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (POSTAL VOTING) REGULATIONS  
FORM OF DECLARATION TO BE USED AT THE POLLING BY A  
PERSON CLAIMING TO VOTE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF  
REGULATION 10 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (POSTAL  
VOTING) REGULATIONS

- (a) of (b) declare that—
- (c) (a) Name in full (as appearing on electors roll)  
(b) Address in full (as appearing on electors roll)  
(c) Occupation (as appearing on electors roll)
- (1) My name appears on the certified copy of the electors roll used at the under-named polling place opposite the number on the said roll.
- (2) I claim to vote under the provisions of Regulation 10 of the Local Government (Postal Voting) Regulations. I have not received a postal vote certificate or postal ballot-paper in connexion with the election being held this day, notwithstanding that my name has been noted on the said roll as that of an elector to whom a postal vote certificate and postal ballot-paper have been issued.

(Personal signature or mark of voter)

igned before me the day of 19 ,  
polling place.

Presiding Officer

NOTE.—A person making any untrue statement in this declaration is liable to a Penalty of Forty dollars.

DIRECTIONS

- (1) This form of declaration must, after being filled up, be signed by the voter with his personal signature in the presence of the presiding officer, and then be completed and attested by the presiding officer.
- (2) The presiding officer shall then (subject to the provisions of Regulation 10) initial and hand to the voter one ballot-paper headed "Regulation 10" for the election held on the date upon which this declaration is made.
- (3) The voter shall then forthwith—
- (i) retire alone to an unoccupied compartment of the polling booth and there, in private, mark his vote on the ballot-paper handed to him, in the manner directed thereon; and
- (ii) fold the ballot-paper in such a manner as to conceal the vote marked thereon and at once return it so folded to the presiding officer before whom he made his declaration.
- (4) The presiding officer shall see that he receives from the voter the ballot-paper duly folded, and, if necessary for purposes of identification, shall request the voter to again state his name, and then, without unfolding the ballot-paper, shall forthwith, in the presence of the voter and of such scrutineer or scrutineers (if any) are present, enclose the ballot-paper received from that voter in the envelope bearing declaration of the voter and addressed to the returning officer for the municipality in which the voter is enrolled, securely fasten the envelope, and deposit it in the lot-box.

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Form 4

Regulation 12

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**POSTAL VOTE CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ of  
 is entitled (subject to the provisions of the Local Government (Postal Voting)  
 Regulations) to vote by post in respect of the municipality of \_\_\_\_\_  
 ward \_\_\_\_\_ at the election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Returning Officer at*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_

Form 5

Regulation 12

**THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA**  
*Local Government Ordinance 1954-1966*  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (POSTAL VOTING) REGULATIONS**  
**DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY AN ELECTOR VOTING BY POST**

I declare —

(a) that I am the person enrolled as—

Surname	Christian Names (in full)	Place of Living (as appearing on roll)	Occupation

on the electors roll kept under the *Local Government Ordinance 1954-1966*  
 for the municipality of \_\_\_\_\_ ;

(b) that my real place of living is at \_\_\_\_\_  
 within the boundaries of that municipality; and

(c) that I have not already voted in connexion with the election to which the  
 above certificate relates.

I promise and declare that if I am permitted to vote at the election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_  
 , I will not again vote in connexion with that election

I am aware that if I personate any other person for the purpose of obtaining a  
 postal ballot-paper to which I am not entitled, or for the purpose of voting by post  
 at the election, or make any false statement in this declaration, I may be prosecuted and  
 am liable to a fine not exceeding One hundred dollars.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Personal signature or mark of elector)*

Signed before me at \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

19 \_\_\_\_

Signature of authorized witness\*

An elector whose name appears on the electoral roll kept under a law relating to the  
 election of members of the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Common  
 wealth for the Territory or State of \_\_\_\_\_

Address of witness

\* Where vote is recorded outside Australia—see reference to authorized witness  
 in the Form entitled "Directions to Elector and Authorized Witness".

NOTES.—(1) This envelope, containing the postal ballot-paper marked by the voter, should be forthwith posted or delivered to the returning officer to whom it is addressed.

(2) Any person to whom this envelope containing the ballot-paper is entrusted by the voter for the purpose of posting or delivery to the returning officer, who fails to forthwith post or deliver the envelope, is guilty of an offence. Penalty: One hundred dollars or imprisonment for one month.

(3) No person other than the returning officer to whom this envelope is addressed, or an officer acting under his directions, shall open the envelope after the elector's vote has been placed therein and the envelope has been fastened by an authorized witness.

Form 6

Regulation 13

The elector must not mark his vote hereon until after he has first exhibited the ballot-paper (unmarked) to the authorized witness.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT (POSTAL VOTING) REGULATIONS  
POSTAL BALLOT PAPER

Directions—Mark your vote on this ballot-paper by placing the numbers (here insert 1, 2, 3 and 4 where there are four candidates and so on as the case requires) in the squares respectively opposite the names of the candidates so as to indicate your preference for them.

CANDIDATES

<input type="checkbox"/>	.....
<input type="checkbox"/>	.....
<input type="checkbox"/>	.....
<input type="checkbox"/>	.....

Form 7

Regulation 13

The elector must not mark his vote hereon until after he has first exhibited the ballot-paper (unmarked) to the authorized witness.

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Directions—Mark your vote on this ballot-paper by placing the numbers (here insert 1, 2, 3 and 4 where there are four candidates and so on as the case requires) in the squares respectively opposite the names of the candidates for alderman so as to indicate your preference for them, and the numbers (here insert 1, 2, 3 and 4 and so on, as the case requires) in the squares opposite the names of the candidates for mayor.

CANDIDATES

For election as Alderman

<input type="checkbox"/>	.....
<input type="checkbox"/>	.....
<input type="checkbox"/>	.....
<input type="checkbox"/>	.....

**Local Government (Postal Voting) Regulations**

**CANDIDATES**  
**For election as Mayor**

<input type="checkbox"/>	.....
<input type="checkbox"/>	.....
<input type="checkbox"/>	.....
<input type="checkbox"/>	.....

Form 8

Regulation 13

The elector must not mark his vote hereon until after he has first exhibited the ballot-paper (unmarked) to the authorized witness.

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (POSTAL VOTING) REGULATIONS**  
**POSTAL BALLOT-PAPER FOR A POLL OF ELECTORS**

Municipality of

Ward.

Are you in favour of the following proposal:—

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes.
<input type="checkbox"/>	No.

**DIRECTIONS**

1. If you wish to vote in favour of the proposal you must mark the square opposite YES with a cross having its point of intersection within that square.

2. If you wish to vote against the proposal you must mark the square opposite NO with a cross having its point of intersection within that square.