

FORTHCOMING AUSTRALIAN ELECTION DATES

MAY 2026

Jurisdiction	Last Election	Fixed Date	Last Possible Date
Federal	3 May 2025		20 May 2028 <i>(simultaneous House and half the Senate)</i>
South Australia	21 March 2026	16 March 2030	
Victoria	26 November 2022	28 November 2026	
New South Wales	25 March 2023	13 March 2027	
Northern Territory	24 August 2024	26 August 2028	
Australian Capital Territory	19 October 2024	21 October 2028	
Queensland	26 October 2024	28 October 2028	
Tasmania	19 July 2025		2029
Western Australia	8 March 2025	March 10 2029	

Federal

Federally, Members of the House of Representatives are elected to three-year terms. Senators representing the states are elected to six-year terms and Senators representing the Territories are elected to three year terms, with half of them being elected every three years.

For a House of Representatives and half-Senate election to be held concurrently the election must be held at any time within one year prior to the Senate places turning over, according to s13 of the Constitution. If a House of Representatives election is called outside of this time period, the responsibility for the half Senate only election falls to the respective states, with governors issuing writs for the (half) Senate election. Section 57 of the Constitution also provides for a double dissolution election of both the House and the Senate where a disagreement exists between them. As of 3 October 2022, no trigger for a double dissolution exists.

The earliest date for a concurrent House of Representatives and half-Senate election would be Saturday 7 August 2027. As the latest possible date for a half-Senate election is Saturday 20 May 2028, the latest possible date for a simultaneous (half-Senate and House of Representatives) election is also Saturday 20 May 2028.

The Labor Party currently holds Government after winning the 2025 federal election.

South Australia

The South Australian House of Assembly has a fixed four-year term. Elections are held on the third Saturday in March every four years. The next election will be held on Saturday 16 March 2030. The Labor Party currently holds Government.

Victoria

The Victorian Legislative Assembly has a fixed four-year term. The election is held on the last Saturday in November every four years. The next election will be held on Saturday 28 November 2026. The Labor Party currently holds Government.

New South Wales

The New South Wales Legislative Assembly has a fixed four-year term. Elections are held on the fourth Saturday in March every four years. The next election is due to be held on Saturday 13 March 2027 to elect the 59th Parliament, including all 93 seats in the Legislative Assembly and 21 of the 42 seats in the Legislative Council. Section 24B, paragraph four of the Constitution Act 1902 states that "The Legislative Assembly may be dissolved within 2 months before the Assembly is due to expire" since 27 March is Easter Saturday the government has announced that the election will be held on 13 March 2027. The Labor Party currently holds Government.

Queensland

The Queensland Legislative Assembly has a fixed four-year term. The election is held on the last Saturday in October every four years. The next election will be held on Saturday 28 October 2028. The Liberal National Party of Queensland currently holds Government.

Western Australia

Western Australia's Legislative Assembly has a fixed four-year term. The election is held on the second Saturday in March every four years. The next election will be held on Saturday 8 March 2025. The Labor Party currently holds Government.

Tasmania

The Tasmanian House of Assembly term expires four years from the return of the writs for its election. The Governor must issue writs of election between five and ten days thereafter. Nominations must close on a date seven to 21 days after the issuance of the writ, and polling day must be a Saturday between 15 and 30 days after nominations close. Tasmania's last election was held on Saturday 19 July 2025. The Coalition currently holds Government.

Australian Capital Territory

The Australian Capital Territory's Legislative Assembly has a fixed four-year term. Elections are held on the third Saturday in October every four years. The next election will be held on Saturday 21 October 2028. The Labor Party currently holds Government.

Northern Territory

The Northern Territory's unicameral Parliament has a four-year term. The election is held on the fourth Saturday of August every four years. The next election is due in August 2028. The Country Liberal Party currently holds government.