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Dear Catherine Hatcher



IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

You must take steps after your recent election E2023/34

An election has recently been completed by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) for the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation - Northern Territory Branch and a post-election report has been issued by the AEC.

This letter explains the next steps you must take, including what information you need to give to members and what information you need to lodge with the Fair Work Commission (the Commission).

What you must do right now

- Let your members know about the election report issued by the AEC
- Arrange financial training for officers newly elected to an office with financial management duties. (This includes all members of the committee of management).
- Complete the notification of change and email it to the Commission at regorgs@fwc.gov.au

This letter explains these steps and the tools available to help you.

STEP 1: Notify members

You must put a notice on your website once you receive your post-election report. It must tell your members they can request a copy of the post-election report from you or the AEC (regulation 141). The notice must be on your website for at least three months.



Can we put more information on our website?

Yes! Being transparent is part of good governance. You can publish the whole report or the declaration of results, as well as your notice and leave them up longer than three months. You can always do more than the regulatory minimum.

The Commission will also publish your declaration of results on our [website](#).

STEP 2: Financial training

You may have to arrange financial training for people elected to new roles.

All officers with financial management duties must complete approved financial training (section 293K). For information on when officers must redo training and hints on when to book training for officers taking up multiple offices [please see our fact sheet](#).

There are face-to-face and online [financial training packages on the Commission website](#).

You must act on this now, as affected officers **MUST** complete approved financial training OR receive an [exemption by the Commission](#) **within six months** of beginning to hold office.



Good governance tip:

Organisations should instruct officer holders about their other obligations. This is especially important for committee of management members.

Our podcast covers the [benefits of officer induction](#). Officers have responsibilities under the rules, the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (the RO Act), and disclosure requirements around conflicts of interest, remuneration and material personal interests. Officers will benefit from our [officer induction kit](#) and our [podcast](#), such as [episode 17 - conflicts of interest](#).

STEP 3: Notifications of change



A notification of change must be lodged with the Commission within **35 days** of the change occurring.

We have a [template](#) to help you with this, which you can send to regorgs@fwc.gov.au. An officer must sign the completed notification template.

You must lodge a notification of change if:

- any of your officers have not been re-elected;
- officers have changed offices; or
- you have new officers.

Only notify us of changes that have **already occurred**. If people take up office in the future, you must wait until the change happens before lodging the notification within 35 days of the change.

Note: One election may result in many notifications of change.



Penalties apply

Failing to lodge your notifications of change on time can expose your organisation and its officers to significant penalties.

Real-life example of penalties in Court An organisation failed to make a series of notifications of change on time.

The Full Court said ‘The record-keeping obligations imposed under the Registered Organisations Act are treated by the legislature as important and serious, and contravention of those obligations are correspondingly serious.’

The organisation was ordered to pay a penalty. More information is available in our [case summary](#).

If you have any queries we can be contacted on 1300 341 665 or by email at regorgs@fwc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Fair Work Commission



The Commission has an interim [Compliance Policy](#) which explains how we respond to issues of non-compliance. The policy is available on our website if you would like further information on the steps the compliance team may take in response to non-lodgement of a financial report.

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Post-election report

**Australian Nursing and Midwifery
Federation**

Northern Territory Branch

Insufficient Nominations Election

E2023/34

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Election(s) Covered in this Report.

Organisation: ANMF- Northern Territory Branch
Election: Insufficient Nominations
Election Decision No/s: E2023/34

Rules

Rules used for the election: 145V: Incorporates alterations of 29 November 2021 [R2021/160]

Rules difficult to apply/interpret: No

Model Rule reference (if any): N/A

For more details see the Model Rules on the AEC website: www.aec.gov.au/ieb/

Signed

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14 August 2023

Attachments

A. Declaration of Results for Contested Offices – NT

Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation
Northern Territory Branch
DECLARATION OF RESULTS - E2023/34
Contested Offices

Insufficient Nominations Election

The results of the election for the following offices conducted in accordance with the provisions of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* and the rules of the organisation are:

Northern Territory Branch

VOTING MATERIAL ISSUED	
Total number of people on the roll of voters (a)	3,367
Number of voters issued with voting material	3,367
Total number of voters issued with replacement voting material	0
Total number of voting material packs issued	3,367
VOTING MATERIAL RETURNED	
Total number of envelopes returned for scrutiny by closing date of ballot (b)	179
Number of declaration envelopes rejected at preliminary scrutiny (minus)	2
Number of ballot papers returned outside declaration envelopes (minus)	3
COUNT	
Total ballot papers admitted to the count	174
LATE OR UNRETURNED VOTING MATERIAL	
Voting material returned as unclaimed mail by closing date of ballot	170
Voting material packs not returned by voters by closing date of the ballot	3,018
Percentage of voting material packs returned by voters to number of people on the roll of voters (b/a)	5 %

Branch Councillor (1)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Final Votes</u>
PLAVINS, Tanya	58
MCKENZIE, Erin	115

Total ballot papers admitted for this office	174
Formal Ballot papers	173
Informal Ballot papers	1

I declare the following elected:

- MCKENZIE, Erin

Ben Murray
Returning Officer
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02/08/2023





DECISION

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009
s.189—Arrangement for conduct of an election

Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (E2023/34)

MR STEENSON

SYDNEY, 10 MARCH 2023

Arrangement for conduct of election.

[1] On 23 February 2023, the Northern Territory Branch of the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation lodged prescribed information for an election to fill the following office, due to insufficient nominations received in its recent scheduled election (**E2022/161**):

Branch Councillor

(1)

[2] I am satisfied that an election for the abovenamed office is required to be held under the rules of the organisation and, under subsection 189(3) of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*, I am making arrangements for the conduct of the election by the Australian Electoral Commission.



DELEGATE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

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PRESCRIBED INFORMATION FOR ELECTIONS in accordance with Section 189 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 and Regulation 138 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009

I, Catherine Hatcher, being the Branch Secretary of the Northern Territory Branch of the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) make the following statement:

1. I am authorised to sign this statement containing prescribed information for the Northern Territory Branch of the ANMF.
2. The following information is lodged under subsection 189 (1) of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 (the RO Act).
3. The elections that are required are set out in the table in Annexure A.
4. Insufficient nominations were received in the earlier election E2022/161 and the declarations of results are attached
5. No rule alterations are pending that will impact the election.

Signed:



Catherine Hatcher

ANMF NT Branch Secretary

Dated: 23rd February 2023

NOTE: This statement should be lodged with the Registered Organisations Commission at least 2 months prior to nominations opening. It can be submitted to regorgs@roc.gov.au.

Annexure A

- Elections that are required

Branch	Name of Office	Number required	Voting System <i>Direct voting system; Collegiate electoral system</i>	Reason for Election <i>Scheduled; Casual vacancy; New office created; Insufficient nominations</i>	Electorate
ANMF Northern Territory Branch	Branch Councillor	1	Direct Voting System	Insufficient nominations	<i>Financial Members of the Northern Territory Branch of the ANMF</i>

- Important dates:

	Direct Voting System
Nominations OPEN	To be determined by the Returning Officer in accordance with the Rules (Rule 85.1.1)
Nominations CLOSE	To be determined by Returning Officer in accordance with the Rules (Rule 85.1.1)
Roll of Voters cut off date	To be determined by Returning Officer in accordance with Rules (7 days prior to nominations opening) (85.4.1)

NOTES: For insufficient nominations and casual vacancies, the date nominations open and close, unless specified in the rules, should be listed as 'To be determined by the returning officer'. This also applies where rules are silent as to the nominated dates.

If the nomination dates are 'To be Determined by the Returning Officer', but your organisation has a *preference*, please state 'To be Determined by Returning Officer' and clearly indicate that your nominated date is a preference.

If the P.I. includes a position that is not an office, please refer to our template [Prescribed information for the election of officer and non-officer positions](#).