The Electoral Commission

Timetable for local elections in England: 6 May 2027

This timetable covers the following polls taking place on 6 May 2027:

- local government principal area elections (i.e. district, borough, county, county borough and unitary authority elections)
- parish council elections
- local authority mayoral elections in England
- combined (county) authority mayoral elections in England

The days which are disregarded in calculating the timetable are Saturday, Sunday, bank holidays and any day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning.

Please be aware that the timetable may change in the event of days being appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning.

This timetable has been developed based on the legislation as it currently stands and so it may be subject to change. We will update and re-publish the timetable as appropriate if further legislation is made.

Event	Election	Working days before poll (deadline if not midnight)	Date
Publication of notice of election	All	Not later than 25 days	Not later than Wednesday 31 March
Delivery of nomination papers	All, excluding combined authority mayoral	From the date stated on the notice of election up to 4pm on the nineteenth working day before the election	From the date stated on the notice of election up to 4pm on Thursday 8 April
Delivery of nomination papers	Combined authority mayoral	From the day after the publication of notice of election until 4pm on the nineteenth working day before the election (10am to 4pm)	Between 10am and 4pm on any working day after publication of the notice of election until 4pm on Thursday 8 April

Event	Election	Working days before poll (deadline if not midnight)	Date
Deadline for withdrawals of nomination	All	19 days (4pm)	4pm on Thursday 8 April
Deadline for the notification of appointment of election agent	All, excluding parish council	19 days (4pm)	4pm on Thursday 8 April
Making objections to nomination papers	Combined authority mayoral	19 days (10am to 5pm), subject to the following: Between 10am and 12noon objections can be made to all delivered nominations Between 12 noon and 5pm objections can only be made to nominations delivered after 4pm, 20 days before the poll	Between 10am and 12 noon on Thursday 8 April objections can be made to all delivered nominations Between 12 noon and 5pm on Thursday 8 April objections can only be made to nominations delivered after 4pm on Wednesday 7 April
Publication of first interim election notice of alteration	All	19 days	Thursday 8 April
Publication of statement of persons nominated	All	Not later than 18 days (4pm)	Not later than 4pm on Friday 9 April
Deadline for receiving applications for registration	All	12 days	Monday 19 April

Event	Election	Working days before poll (deadline if not midnight)	Date
Deadline for receiving new postal vote and postal proxy applications, and for changes to existing postal or proxy votes	All	11 days (5pm)	5pm on Tuesday 20 April
Deadline for receiving new applications to vote by proxy (not postal proxy or emergency proxies)	All	6 days (5pm)	5pm on Tuesday 27 April
Deadline for receiving applications for Voter Authority Certificates	All	6 days (5pm)	5pm on Tuesday 27 April
Publication of second interim election notice of alteration	All	Between 18 days and 6 days	Between Friday 9 April and Tuesday 27 April (inclusive)
Publication of notice of poll	All	Not later than 6 days	Not later than Tuesday 27 April
Publication of final election notice of alteration	All	5 days	Wednesday 28 April
Deadline for notification of appointment of polling and counting agents	All	5 days	Wednesday 28 April
Deadline for notification of appointment of sub agents	Combined authority mayoral	5 days	Wednesday 28 April

Event	Election	Working days before poll (deadline if not midnight)	Date
First date that electors can apply for a replacement for lost postal votes	All	4 days	Thursday 29 April
Polling day	All	**0 (7am to 10pm)**	**7am to 10pm on Thursday 6 May**
Last time that electors can apply for a replacement for spoilt or lost postal votes	All	0 (5pm)	5pm on Thursday 6 May
Deadline for emergency proxy applications	All	0 (5pm)	5pm on Thursday 6 May
Last time to alter the register due to clerical error or court appeal	All	0 (9pm)	9pm on Thursday 6 May
Delivery of return as to election expenses (parish council elections only)	Parish council	Not later than 28 calendar days* after the date of the election	Refer to the table below for further information on the date for return of parish council election expenses.
Delivery of return as to election expenses	All, excluding parish council	Not later than 35 calendar days* after the date the election result is declared	Refer to the table below for further information on the date for return of all other election expenses.
Sending postal vote identifier rejection notices	All	Within 3 calendar months beginning with the date of the poll	By Friday 6 August

*Although these deadlines are calculated on calendar days, the deadline cannot fall on a dies-non. The deadline will in that case be the next working day

Delivery of return as to election expenses for parish council (28 calendar days)

If the result is declared:	Deadline:
Thursday 6 May	Thursday 3 June
Friday 7 May	Friday 3 June
Any declaration made on 8 May or 9 May	Monday 7 June
Monday 10 May	Monday 7 June

Delivery of return as to election expenses for all other election types (35 calendar days)

If the result is declared:	Deadline for return:
Thursday 6 May	Thursday 10 June
Friday 7 May	Friday 11 June
Any declaration made on 8 May or 9 May	Monday 14 June
Monday 10 May	Monday 14 June