

Local government elections in England

The days which are disregarded in calculating the timetable are Saturday, Sunday, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a bank holiday or any day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning.

A monthly notice of alteration will be published on the first working day of every month, except in the month when the revised register is published and in the two months before that day. Ask the Electoral Registration Officer for details of these dates.

Event	Election	Working days before poll (deadline if not midnight)	Date
Publication of notice of election	All	Not later than 25 days	12 February 2026
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	20 February 2026
Deadline for withdrawals of nomination	All	19 days (4pm)	20 February 2026
Publication of first interim election notice of alteration	All	At 19 days	20 February 2026
Publication of statement of persons nominated	All	Not later than 18 days (4pm)	23 February 2026
Publication of notice of poll	All	Not later than 6 days	23 February 2026
Deadline for receiving applications for registration	All	12 days	03 March 2026
Deadline for receiving new postal vote and postal proxy applications, and for changes to existing postal or proxy votes	All	11 days (5pm)	04 March 2026

Event	Election	Working days before poll (deadline if not midnight)	Date
Publication of second interim election notice of alteration	All	Between 18 days and 6 days	04 March 2026
Deadline for receiving new applications to vote by proxy (not postal proxy or emergency proxies)	All	6 days (5pm)	11 March 2026
Deadline for receiving applications for Voter Authority Certificates	All	6 days (5pm)	11 March 2026
Publication of final election notice of alteration	All	5 days	12 March 2026
Deadline for notification of appointment of polling and counting agents	All	5 days	12 March 2026
First date that electors can apply for replacements for lost postal votes	All	4 days	13 March 2026
Polling day	All	0 (7am to 10pm)	19 March 2026
Last time that electors can apply for a replacement for spoilt or lost postal votes	All	0 (5pm)	19 March 2026
Deadline for emergency proxy applications	All	0 (5pm)	19 March 2026
Last time to alter the register due to clerical error or court appeal	All	0 (9pm)	19 March 2026
Deadline for production of temporary Voter Authority Certificates	All	0 (10pm)	19 March 2026
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	16 April 2026
Deadline for sending postal vote identifier rejection notices	All	Within 3 months from the date of the poll	17 June 2026

*If the last day of the period falls on a weekend, bank holiday or any day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning, in which case the last day moves to the next working day).