

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 |
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| Publication of notice of election | All | Not later than 25 days | Thursday 4 th June 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 | Friday 3 rd July 2026 |
| Deadline for withdrawals of nomination | All | 19 days (4pm) | Friday 3 rd July 2026 |
| Publication of first interim election notice of alteration | All | At 19 days | Friday 3 rd July 2026 |
| Publication of statement of persons nominated | All | Not later than 18 days (4pm) | Monday 6 th July 2026 |
| Deadline for receiving applications for registration | All | 12 days | Tuesday 14 th July 2026 |
| Deadline for receiving new postal vote and postal proxy applications, and for changes to existing postal or proxy votes | All | 11 days (5pm) | Wednesday 15 th July 2026 |
| Deadline for receiving new applications to vote by proxy (not postal proxy or emergency proxies) | All | 6 days (5pm) | Wednesday 22 nd July 2026 |

| Event | Election | Working days before poll (deadline if not midnight) | Date |
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| Deadline for receiving applications for Voter Authority Certificates | All | 6 days (5pm) | Wednesday 22 nd July 2026 |
| Publication of second interim election notice of alteration | All | Between 18 days and 6 days | Wednesday 15 th July 2026 |
| Publication of notice of poll | All | Not later than 6 days | Monday 6 th July 2026 |
| Publication of final election notice of alteration | All | 5 days | Thursday 23 rd July 2026 |
| Deadline for notification of appointment of polling and counting agents | All | 5 days | Thursday 23 rd July 2026 |
| First date that electors can apply for replacements for lost postal votes | All | 4 days | Friday 24 th July 2026 |
| Polling day | All | 0 (7am to 10pm) | Thursday 30th July 2026 |
| Last time that electors can apply for a replacement for spoilt or lost postal votes | All | 0 (5pm) | Thursday 30 th July 2026 |
| Deadline for emergency proxy applications | All | 0 (5pm) | Thursday 30 th July 2026 |
| Last time to alter the register due to clerical error or court appeal | All | 0 (9pm) | Thursday 30 th July 2026 |
| Deadline for production of temporary Voter Authority Certificates | All | 0 (10pm) | Thursday 30 th July 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 | Thursday 27 th August 2026 |
| Deadline for sending postal vote identifier rejection notices | All | Within 3 months from the date of the poll | Thursday 30 th October 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).