

Timetable for local elections in England: 1 May 2025

This timetable covers the following polls taking place on 1 May 2025:

- 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 Tuesday 25 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 Wednesday 2 April
Deadline for withdrawals of nomination	All	19 days (4pm)	4pm on Wednesday 2 April
Deadline for the notification of appointment of election agent	All, excluding parish council	19 days (4pm)	4pm on Wednesday 2 April

Event	Election	Working days before poll (deadline if not midnight)	Date
Publication of first interim election notice of alteration	All	19 days	Wednesday 2 April
Publication of statement of persons nominated	All	Not later than 18 days (4pm)	Not later than 4pm on Thursday 3 April
Deadline for receiving applications for registration	All	12 days	Friday 11 April
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 Monday 14 April
Deadline for receiving new applications to vote by proxy (not postal proxy or emergency proxies)	All	6 days (5pm)	5pm on Wednesday 23 April
Deadline for receiving applications for Voter Authority Certificates	All	6 days (5pm)	5pm on Wednesday 23 April
Publication of second interim election notice of alteration	All	Between 18 days and 6 days	Between Thursday 3 April and Wednesday 23 April (inclusive)
Publication of notice of poll	All	Not later than 6 days	Not later than Wednesday 23 April

Event	Election	Working days before poll (deadline if not midnight)	Date
Publication of final election notice of alteration	All	5 days	Thursday 24 April
Deadline for notification of appointment of polling and counting agents	All	5 days	Thursday 24 April
First date that electors can apply for a replacement for lost postal votes	All	4 days	Friday 25 April
Polling day	All	0 (7am to 10pm)	7am to 10pm on Thursday 1 May
Last time that electors can apply for a replacement for spoilt or lost postal votes	All	0 (5pm)	5pm on Thursday 1 May
Deadline for emergency proxy applications	All	0 (5pm)	5pm on Thursday 1 May
Last time to alter the register due to clerical error or court appeal	All	0 (9pm)	9pm on Thursday 1 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	Thursday 29 May
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 following table for further information on the date for return of election expenses.

Event	Election	Working days before poll (deadline if not midnight)	Date
Sending postal vote identifier rejection notices	All	Within 3 calendar months beginning with the date of the poll	By Friday 1 August

*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.

Delivery of return as to election expenses (all, excluding parish council elections).

If the result is declared:	Deadline for return:
Thursday 1 May	Thursday 5 June
Friday 2 May	Friday 6 June
Any declaration made between 3 May and 5 May	Monday 9 June
Tuesday 6 May	Tuesday 10 June