

Local government by-elections in England

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	Thursday, 17 October 2024
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, 25 October 2024
Deadline for withdrawals of nomination	All	19 days (4pm)	Friday, 25 October 2024 (4pm)
Deadline for the notification of appointment of election agent	All, excluding parish council	19 days (4pm)	Friday, 25 October 2024 (4pm)
Publication of first interim election notice of alteration	All	At 19 days	Friday, 25 October 2024
Publication of statement of persons nominated	All	Not later than 18 days (4pm)	Monday, 28 October 2024
Deadline for receiving applications for registration	All	12 days	Tuesday, 05 November 2024
Deadline for receiving new postal vote and postal proxy applications, and for changes to existing postal or proxy votes	All	11 days (5pm)	Wednesday, 06 November 2024 (5pm)
Publication of second interim election notice of alteration	All	Between 18 days and 6 days	Tuesday, 06 November 2024

Event	Election	Working days before poll (deadline if not midnight)	Date
Deadline for receiving new applications to vote by proxy (not postal proxy or emergency proxies)	All	6 days (5pm)	Wednesday, 13 November 2024 (5pm)
Publication of notice of poll	All	Not later than 6 days	Wednesday, 13 November 2024
Publication of final election notice of alteration	All	5 days	Thursday, 14 November 2024
Deadline for notification of appointment of polling and counting agents	All	5 days	Thursday, 14 November 2024
First date that electors can apply for replacements for lost postal votes	All	4 days	Friday, 15 November 2024
Polling day	All	0 (7am to 10pm)	Thursday, 21 November 2024
Last time that electors can apply for a replacement for spoilt or lost postal votes	All	0 (5pm)	Thursday, 21 November 2024 (5pm)
Deadline for emergency proxy applications	All	0 (5pm)	Thursday, 21 November 2024 (5pm)
Last time to alter the register due to clerical error or court appeal	All	0 (9pm)	Thursday, 21 November 2024 (9pm)
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	If result is declared on 21 November 2024: Tuesday, 24 December 2024
Deadline for sending postal vote identifier rejection notices	All	Within 3 months from the date of the poll	Thursday, 20 February 2025

*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).