Local Government Elections – Thursday 7 May 2026

Election Timetable

Event	Date
Publication of notice of election	Tuesday 24 March
Delivery of nomination papers	No later than 4pm on Thursday 9 April
Delivery of nomination papers	Between 10am and 4pm on any working day after publication of the notice of election until 4pm on Thursday 9 April
Deadline for withdrawals of nomination	4pm on Thursday 9 April
Deadline for the notification of appointment of election agent	4pm on Thursday 9 April
Publication of first interim election notice of alteration	Thursday 9 April
Publication of statement of persons nominated	Not later than 4pm on Friday 10 April
Deadline for receiving applications for registration	Monday 20 April
Deadline for receiving new postal vote and postal proxy applications, and for changes to existing postal or proxy votes	5pm on Tuesday 21 April
Deadline for receiving new applications to vote by proxy (not postal proxy or emergency proxies)	5pm on Tuesday 28 April
Deadline for receiving applications for Voter Authority Certificates	5pm on Tuesday 28 April
Publication of second interim election notice of alteration	Wednesday 23 April
Publication of notice of poll	Not later than Tuesday 28 April
Publication of final election notice of alteration	Wednesday 29 April
Deadline for notification of appointment of polling and counting agents	Wednesday 29 April
First date that electors can apply for a replacement for lost postal votes	Thursday 30 April
Polling day	**7am to 10pm on Thursday 7 May**
Last time that electors can apply for a replacement for spoilt or lost postal votes	5pm on Thursday 7 May
Deadline for emergency proxy applications	5pm on Thursday 7 May
Last time to alter the register due to clerical error or court appeal	9pm on Thursday 7 May
Verification and Counting of Votes	**Friday 8 May from 9.00am**
Delivery of return as to election expenses	Friday 12 June

The Returning Officer
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