

The Electoral Commission

Timetable for a UK Parliamentary general election on 4 July 2024

The days which are disregarded in calculating the timetable for a UK Parliamentary election 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.

The writ is taken to be received on the day following the dissolution of Parliament even in the event that the physical delivery of the writ is delayed. ⁱ

Event	Working days before poll (deadline if not midnight)	Date
Dissolution of Parliament	25 days	Thursday 30 May
Receipt of writ (taken as the day following the dissolution of Parliament)	24 days	Friday 31 May
Publication of notice of election	Not later than 22 days (4pm)	Friday 31 May – 9am
Delivery of nomination papers	Between 10am and 4pm on any working day after the publication of the notice of election until 4pm on the sixth day after the date of dissolution	10am - 4pm Monday 3 June - Until Friday 7 June .
Deadline for delivery of nomination papers	19 days (4pm)	Friday 7 June (4pm)

Event	Working days before poll (deadline if not midnight)	Date
Deadline for withdrawals of nomination	19 days (4pm)	Friday 7 June (4pm)
Making objections to nomination papers (except for objections on the grounds that an individual candidate may be disqualified under the Representation of the People Act 1981 – see Commission guidance)	On 19 days (10am to 5pm), subject to the following: Between 10am and 12 noon objections can be made to all delivered nominations Between 12 noon and 5pm objections can only be made to nominations delivered after 4pm, 20 days before the poll	Friday 7 June (10am – 5pm) 10am – 12noon objections can be made to all delivered nomination papers 12noon – 5pm only on those nomination papers delivered after 4pm on 6 June
Deadline for the notification of appointment of election agent	19 days (4pm)	Friday 7 June (4pm)
Publication of statement of persons nominated, including notice of poll and situation of polling stations	If no objections: on 19 days (at 5pm) If objection(s) are made: Not before objection(s) are disposed of but not later than 18 days (4pm)	Friday 7 June (5pm) If objection(s) are made: not before objection(s) are disposed of but not later than Monday 10 June (4pm)
Publication of first interim election notice of alteration	On 19 days	Friday 7 June
Deadline for receiving applications for registration	12 days	Tuesday 18 June
Deadline for receiving new postal vote and postal proxy applications, and for changes to existing postal or proxy votes	11 days (5pm)	Wednesday 19 June (5pm)

Event	Working days before poll (deadline if not midnight)	Date
Deadline for receiving new applications to vote by proxy (not postal proxy or emergency proxies)	6 days (5pm)	Wednesday 26 June (5pm)
Deadline for receiving applications for Voter Authority Certificates	6 days (5pm)	Wednesday 26 June (5pm)
Publication of second interim election notice of alteration	Between 18 days and 6 days	Between Monday 10 June and Wednesday 26 June
Publication of final election notice of alteration	5 days	Thursday 27 June
Deadline for notification of appointment of polling and counting agents	5 days	Thursday 27 June
First date that electors can apply for a replacement for lost postal votes	4 days	Friday 28 June
Deadline for notification of appointment of sub agents	2 days	Tuesday 2 July
Polling day	0 (7am to 10pm)	7am to 10pm Thursday 4 July 2024
Last time for re-issue of spoilt or lost postal votes	0 (5pm)	Thursday 4 July (5pm)
Deadline for emergency proxy applications	0 (5pm)	Thursday 4 July (5pm)
Last time to alter the register due to clerical error or court appeal	0 (9pm)	Thursday 4 July (9pm)
Deadline for production of temporary Voter Authority Certificate	0 (10pm)	Thursday 4 July (10pm)

After the declaration of result		
Delivery of return as to election expenses	Within 35 calendar days after the date the election result is declared	If result is declared on 4 July: Thursday 8 August If result is declared on 5 July: Friday 9 August
Deadline for sending postal vote identifier rejection notices	Within the period of three months beginning with the date of the poll	Friday 4 October
Deadline for spending returns of political parties and non party campaigners who spend less than £250,000	Within three months of the election	Friday 4 October
Deadline for spending returns of political parties and non party campaigners who spend more than £250,000	Within six months of the election	Monday 6 January 2025

ⁱ RPA 1983 s 28 (3A) (as amended by Dissolution and Calling of Parliament Act 2022)