

Timetable for the UK Parliamentary general election: 7 May 2015

The days which are disregarded in calculating the timetable are Saturday, Sunday, Good Friday, other 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 is based on the assumption that the writ is received on the day following the dissolution of Parliament. If in a particular constituency the writ is received on a different date:

- The notice of election in that particular constituency must be published no later than 4pm on the second day following the receipt of the writ.
- The period for delivery of nomination papers will begin from the day after the publication of notice of election. The deadline for nominations will remain the same (i.e. 4pm on 19 working days before the poll).

Event	Working days before poll (deadline if not midnight)	Date (deadline if not midnight)
Dissolution of Parliament	25 days	Monday 30 March
Receipt of writ	24 days	Tuesday 31 March
Publication of notice of election	Not later than 22 days (4pm)	Not later than 4pm on Thursday 2 April
Delivery of nomination papers	From the day after the publication of the notice of election until the sixth day after the date of dissolution	Between 10am and 4pm on any working day after publication of notice of election until Thursday 9 April
Deadline for delivery of nomination papers	19 days (4pm)	4pm on Thursday 9 April
Deadline for withdrawals of nomination	19 days (4pm)	4pm on Thursday 9 April

Event	Working days before poll (deadline if not midnight)	Date (deadline if not midnight)
<p>Making objections to nomination papers</p> <p>(except for objections on the grounds that an individual candidate may be disqualified under the Representation of the People Act 1981 – see Commission guidance)</p>	<p>On 19 days (10am to 5pm), subject to the following:</p> <p>Between 10 am – 12 noon objections can be made to all delivered nominations</p> <p>Between 12 noon and 5pm objections can only be made to nominations delivered after 4pm, 20 days before the poll</p>	<p>Between 10am and 12 noon on Thursday 9 April objections can be made to all delivered nominations</p> <p>Between 12 noon and 5pm on Thursday 9 April objections can only be made to nominations delivered after 4pm on Wednesday 8 April</p>
Deadline for the notification of appointment of election agent	19 days (4pm)	4pm on Thursday 9 April
Publication of statement of persons nominated, including notice of poll and situation of polling stations	<p>If no objections: on 19 days (at 5pm)</p> <p>If objection(s) are made: Not before objection(s) are disposed of but not later than 18 days (4pm)</p>	<p>If no objections: at 5pm on Thursday 9 April</p> <p>Objection(s) made: not before objection(s) are disposed of but not later than 4pm on Friday 10 April</p>
Publication of first interim election notice of alteration	On 19 days	Thursday 9 April
Deadline for receiving applications for registration	12 days	Monday 20 April
Deadline for receiving new postal vote and postal proxy applications, and for changes to existing postal or proxy votes	11 days (5pm)	5pm on Tuesday 21 April

Event	Working days before poll (deadline if not midnight)	Date (deadline if not midnight)
Deadline for receiving new applications to vote by proxy (not postal proxy or emergency proxies)	6 days (5pm)	5pm on Tuesday 28 April
Publication of second interim election notice of alteration	Between 18 days and 6 days	Between Friday 10 April and Tuesday 28 April (inclusive)
Publication of final election notice of alteration	5 days	Wednesday 29 April
Deadline for notification of appointment polling and counting agents	5 days	Wednesday 29 April
First date that electors can apply for a replacement for lost postal votes	4 days	Thursday 30 April
Polling day	0 (7am to 10pm)	7am to 10pm on Thursday 7 May
Last time for re-issue of spoilt or lost postal votes	0 (5pm)	5pm on Thursday 7 May
Deadline for emergency proxy applications	0 (5pm)	5pm on Thursday 7 May
Last time to alter the register due to clerical error or court appeal	0 (9pm)	9pm on Thursday 7 May
After the declaration of result		

Event	Working days before poll (deadline if not midnight)	Date (deadline if not midnight)
Event	Deadline	Date
Delivery of return as to election expenses	Within 35 calendar days after the date the election result is declared	If result declared on Thursday 7 May: by Thursday 11 June If result declared on Friday 8 May: by Friday 12 June
Deadline for sending postal vote identifier rejection notices	Within the period of three months beginning with the date of the poll	By Thursday 6 August 2015