

Timetable for a UK Parliamentary general election in Great Britain

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.

The 2 December (St Andrews Day) bank holiday in Scotland applies differently to the calculation of different dates within the election timetable; in some cases it is disregarded from calculations as dies non and in others it is not.

As a result of this, and an amendment made to the Early Parliamentary General Election Bill 2019-20, the deadline dates for some parts of the timetable which would usually fall on different dates are the same (for example, the postal vote application deadline and the registration application deadline)

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	Date
Dissolution of Parliament	6 November
Receipt of writ	7 November
Publication of notice of election	Not later than 11 November (4pm)

Event	Date
Delivery of nomination papers	Between 10am and 4pm on any working day after the publication of the notice of election until 14 November (4pm)
Deadline for delivery of nomination papers	14 November (4pm)
Deadline for withdrawals of nomination	14 November (4pm)
<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>14 November (10am – 5pm)</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 on 13 November</p>
Deadline for the notification of appointment of election agents	14 November (4pm)
Publication of statement of persons nominated, including notice of poll and situation of polling stations	<p>14 November (5pm)</p> <p>If objection(s) are made: not before objection(s) are disposed of but not later than 15 November (4pm)</p>
Publication of first interim election notice of alteration	14 November
Deadline for receiving applications for registration	26 November
Deadline for receiving new postal vote and postal proxy applications, and for changes to existing postal or proxy votes	26 November (5pm)
Deadline for receiving new applications to vote by proxy (not postal proxy or emergency proxies)	4 December (5pm)

Event	Date
Publication of second interim election notice of alteration	15 November – 4 December
Publication of final election notice of alteration	5 December
Deadline for notification of appointment of polling and counting agents	5 December
First date that electors can apply for a replacement for lost postal votes	6 December
Deadline for notification of appointment of sub agents	10 December
Polling day	12 December
Last time that electors can apply for re-issue of spoilt or lost postal votes	12 December (5pm)
Deadline for emergency proxy applications	12 December (5pm)
Last time to alter the register due to clerical error or court appeal	12 December (9pm)
After the declaration of result	
Delivery of return as to election expenses	17 January 2020 (assuming result is declared on 13 December)
Deadline for sending postal vote identifier rejection notices	11 March 2020