

Timetable for Scottish council elections on 5 May 2022

The days which are disregarded in calculating the timetable are Saturday, Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Monday¹, bank holidays (i.e. Monday 2 May) 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 timetable contains the statutory deadlines as set out in the election rules and also reflects the directions issued by the Convener of the Electoral Management Board for Scotland. Dates which reflect a direction issued by the Convener appear in boxes shaded in blue.

Event	Working days before poll (deadline if not midnight)	Date
Publication of notice of election	Not earlier than the thirty-fifth day before the date of the poll and not later than the twenty-eighth day before the date of the poll	Monday 14 March
Dispatch of poll cards to electors	As soon as practicable after the issue of notice of election	Between Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 March
Delivery of nomination papers	Not later than 4pm on any working day from the day after the publication of notice of election until 4pm on the twenty-third day	Not later than 4pm on any working day after the publication of the notice of election until 4pm on Wednesday 30 March

¹ Although disregarded in relation to calculating the election timetable, Easter Monday is not a disregarded day in Scotland in relation to calculating the registration deadline.

Event	Working days before poll (deadline if not midnight)	Date
Deadline for withdrawals of nomination	23 days (4pm)	4pm on Wednesday 30 March
Deadline for the notification of appointment of election agents	23 days (4pm)	4pm on Wednesday 30 March
Publication of notice of poll, including situation of polling stations	As soon as practicable after the deadline for withdrawals	As soon as practicable after 4pm on Wednesday 30 March
Publication of the first interim notice of alteration	23 days	Wednesday 30 March
Publication of the second interim notice of alteration	Between 22 days and 6 days	Friday 8 April
First dispatch of postal ballot packs		Between Thursday 14 and Tuesday 19 April
Deadline for receiving applications for registration	12 days	Monday 18 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 19 April
Deadline for new applications to vote by proxy (not postal proxy or emergency proxies)	6 days (5pm)	5pm on Tuesday 26 April
Final dispatch of postal ballot packs		Tuesday 26 April
Publication of final election notice of alteration	5 days	Wednesday 27 April

Event	Working days before poll (deadline if not midnight)	Date
Deadline for notification of appointment of polling and counting agents	5 days	Wednesday 27 April
POLLING DAY	0 (7am to 10pm)	7am to 10pm on Thursday 5 May
Last time that electors can apply for a replacement for a lost and spoilt postal vote	0 (10pm)	10pm on Thursday 5 May
Deadline for emergency proxy applications	0 (5pm)	5pm on Thursday 5 May
Last time to alter the register due to clerical error or court appeal	0 (9pm)	9pm on Thursday 5 May
Verification and count		Friday 6 May First ballot boxes are opened after 8am and not later than 9.30am
Latest day for candidates to receive their invoices	21 calendar days	If result is declared: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 May it is 27 May • 7 May it is 30 May*
Latest day for candidates to pay their invoices	28 calendar days	If the result is declared: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 May it is 6 June • 7 May it is 6 June
Latest date for candidates to submit their return and agent declaration	35 calendar days	If the result is declared: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 May it is 10 June • 7 May it is 13 June*
Sending postal vote identifier rejection notices	Within 3 months beginning with the date of poll	By Thursday 4 August

*Although these deadlines are calculated on calendar days, the deadline cannot fall on a dies-non. The deadline will in that case be the next working day.