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# General election timetable 2017

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The general election timetable for 2017, overleaf, is derived from the electoral timetable published by the Electoral Commission.<sup>1</sup>

On 19 April 2017, the House of Commons agreed that there should be an early parliamentary general election.<sup>2</sup> Following that decision, the Electoral Commission published a statement on the UK Parliamentary General Election, which included some information on key dates in the 2017 general election timetable.<sup>3</sup>

Election timetables for UK general (and by-elections) are laid down in the Parliamentary Elections Rules in Schedule 1 of the *Representation of the People Act 1983*, as subsequently amended, most recently in 2013. Further background information on election timetables is available in the Library briefing paper, [Election timetables](#) (RP 15/11, 3 March 2015).

The timetable for the local government elections taking place on 4 May 2017 is also available on the Electoral Commission's website:

- [Local elections in England and Wales](#) (see "resources for Part B: Planning and Organisation").

<sup>1</sup> Electoral Commission, [UK Parliamentary general election in Great Britain](#); the Commission publishes separate guidance for Northern Ireland, see: [UK Parliamentary general election in Northern Ireland \(2017\)](#)

<sup>2</sup> [HC Deb 19 April 2017 cc681-712](#)

<sup>3</sup> Electoral Commission, [Electoral Commission statement on the UK Parliamentary General Election scheduled for 8 June](#), 19 April 2017

## June 2017 election timetable

Day 0 – dissolution and issue of writ	Wednesday 3 May
Day 1 – receipt of writ	Thursday 4 May
Day 2	Friday 5 May
Day 3 – Last day for publication of notice of election	Monday 8 May
Day 4	Tuesday 9 May
Day 5	Wednesday 10 May
Day 6 – Deadline for candidates to deliver nomination papers to (Acting) Returning Officer (4pm) and deadline for candidates to withdraw (4pm)	Thursday 11 May
Publication of statement of persons nominated, in most cases 5pm on 11 May	
Day 7 – Publication of statement of persons nominated if objections to nominations have been made (4pm)	Friday 12 May
Day 8	Monday 15 May
Day 9	Tuesday 16 May
Day 10	Wednesday 17 May
Day 11	Thursday 18 May
Day 12	Friday 19 May
Day 13 – Deadline to register to vote	Monday 22 May
Day 14 – Deadline for applying for a postal vote (5pm)	Tuesday 23 May
Day 15	Wednesday 24 May
Day 16	Thursday 25 May
Day 17	Friday 26 May
	<i>Monday 29 May is a Bank Holiday</i>
Day 18	Tuesday 30 May
Day 19 – Deadline for applying for a proxy vote (except for emergency proxies) (5pm)	Wednesday 31 May
Day 20	Thursday 1 June
Day 21	Friday 2 June
Day 22	Monday 5 June
Day 23	Tuesday 6 June
Day 24	Wednesday 7 June
Day 25 – <b>POLLING DAY</b>	<b>Thursday 8 June</b>
Deadline for issuing replacement postal ballot papers (5pm) and deadline for applying for an emergency proxy (5pm)	

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