

Registration dates 2018

Electoral register monthly notice of alteration publication dates¹

| Alteration notice ⁱ | Last date for applications ⁱⁱ | Determination deadline ⁱⁱⁱ |
|---|--|---|
| England and Wales: Tuesday 2 January 2018 Scotland: Wednesday 3 January 2018 | England and Wales: Monday 11 December 2017 Scotland: Tuesday 12 December 2017 | England and Wales: Tuesday 19 December 2017 Scotland: Wednesday 20 December 2017 |
| Thursday 1 February 2018 | Wednesday 10 January 2018 | Thursday 18 January 2018 |
| Thursday 1 March 2018 | Wednesday 7 February 2018 | Thursday 15 February 2018 |
| England and Wales: Tuesday 3 April 2018 Scotland: Monday 2 April 2018 | England and Wales: Monday 12 March 2018 Scotland: Friday 9 March 2018 | England and Wales: Tuesday 20 March 2018 Scotland: Monday 19 March 2018 |
| Tuesday 1 May 2018 | Monday 9 April 2018 | Tuesday 17 April 2018 |
| Friday 1 June 2018 | Thursday 10 May 2018 | Friday 18 May 2018 |
| Monday 2 July 2018 | Friday 8 June 2018 | Monday 18 June 2018 |
| Wednesday 1 August 2018 | Tuesday 10 July 2018 | Wednesday 18 July 2018 |
| Monday 3 September 2018 | Friday 10 August 2018 | Monday 20 August 2018 |

¹ You must publish monthly notices of alteration on the first working day of the month that follows the month in which you have determined to make an alteration to the register, except where the first working day of the month is less than 14 calendar days after the day of the determination (in which case the alteration must be made on the first working day of the following month). However, you may not issue a monthly notice of alteration in the month you are publishing the revised register or in the two months before; instead the alteration must be made in the revised register.

Edited register publication date²

| Publication date | Deadline for existing electors to change their opt-out status³ |
|---|---|
| England and Wales: Tuesday 2 January 2018 Scotland: Wednesday 3 January 2018 | England and Wales: Tuesday 19 December 2017 Scotland: Wednesday 20 December 2017 |
| Thursday 1 February 2018 | Thursday 18 January 2018 |
| Thursday 1 March 2018 | Thursday 15 February 2018 |
| England and Wales: Tuesday 3 April 2018 Scotland: Monday 2 April 2018 | England and Wales: Tuesday 20 March 2018 Scotland: Monday 19 March 2018 |
| Tuesday 1 May 2018 | Tuesday 17 April 2018 |
| Friday 1 June 2018 | Friday 18 May 2018 |
| Monday 2 July 2018 | Monday 18 June 2018 |
| Wednesday 1 August 2018 | Wednesday 18 July 2018 |
| Monday 3 September 2018 | Monday 20 August 2018 |
| Monday 1 October 2018 | Monday 17 September 2018 |
| Thursday 1 November 2018 | Thursday 18 October 2018 |

² You must publish a revised version of the edited register on the first working day of the month which follows the date a request relating to opt in or out status is received or, if the first day of the month is less than 14 days after the date the request was received, on the first day of the month immediately following that month. When the revised full register is being published, you must also publish a new version of the edited register. Unlike notices of alteration to the full register, you are required to publish a fully integrated updated version of the edited register rather than simply a notice setting out the changes. The revised edited register must be made available for public inspection. The copy must be made available at your office and in addition by any other means as you see fit.

³ While a request to opt out of or opt in to the edited register can be made at any time, it must be received at least 14 calendar days before publication to be included in the next version; if not, it will be included in the version published the following month.

Election notices of alteration⁴: publication dates in England for local elections⁵ on 3 May 2018

| | Publication of notice | Last date for applications | Determination deadline |
|--|--|--|--|
| First interim election notice of alteration | Friday 6 April 2018 | Monday 26 March 2018 | Thursday 5 April 2018 |
| Second interim election notice of alteration | Between Monday 9 April and Wednesday 25 April 2018 (inclusive) | 6 working days before the determination deadline | The working day before the date of publication |
| Final election notice of alteration | Thursday 26 April 2018 | Tuesday 17 April 2018 | Wednesday 25 April 2018 |

⁴ Election notices of alteration only apply to the specific register (e.g. the local government register, or parliamentary register) for the pending election, and only make or remove entries in respect of an address in the electoral area affected by the election. This means that if, for example, a local government election relates to only part of the registration area, the interim election notices will only give effect to determinations made by the required deadlines for the election in that area, and will only apply those changes to, in this case, the local government register. Determinations that relate to the parliamentary register, or those made outside the area affected by the election, will be given effect on the next notice of alteration or on publication of the revised register, whichever is sooner.

⁵ This timetable covers the following polls taking place on 3 May 2018: local government principal area elections (i.e. district, borough, county borough and unitary authority elections); parish and community council elections; local authority mayoral elections and London borough elections.

ⁱ These are the days on which monthly alteration notices must be published, assuming that there need to be alterations. Section 13A(1), (2) and (3) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (RPA 1983). These are the first 'working days' because of section 13A(6) and 119. Only England and Wales bank holidays are relevant for the purposes of dates in England and Wales because of section 119(3). Only Scotland bank holidays are relevant for Scotland.

ⁱⁱ The last date for applications is calculated by leaving five clear working days before the determination deadline for objections to registration (in effect this is six working days before the determination deadline). This is because regulation 29(4) of the Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001 provides that there is a period of five clear working days for objections, starting the day after the day on which the application is entered in the list of applications. Only when those five clear working days have passed can a determination be made. These are 'working days' because of regulation 8(2).

ⁱⁱⁱ The determination deadline is 14 calendar days before the first working day of the month. This is because section 13A(2)(a) provides that the notice must be issued on the first day of the month which follows that in which the relevant time (i.e. the determination) or if that day is less than 14 days after that time, on the first day of the month immediately following that month.

Note: the mere receipt of the application before the 14 day deadlines is not enough. The date of application must be 5 working days before the determination deadline (which must be 14 calendar days before the first working day of the month) as the application cannot be added to the list of applications to add to the alteration until it has been determined- section 13A(1).