Registration dates 2019

The Electoral Commission

Electoral register monthly notice of alteration publication dates[1]

Alteration notice[i]	Last date for applications[ii]	Determination deadline[iii]
England and Wales: Wednesday 2 January 2019 Scotland: Thursday 3 January 2019	England and Wales: Tuesday 11 December 2018 Scotland: Wednesday 12 December 2018	England and Wales: Wednesday 19 December 2018 Scotland: Thursday 20 December 2018
Friday 1 February 2019	Thursday 10 January 2019	Friday 18 January 2019
Friday 1 March 2019	Thursday 7 February 2019	Friday 15 February 2019
Monday 1 April 2019	Friday 8 March 2019	Monday 18 March 2019
Wednesday 1 May 2019	Tuesday 9 April 2019	Wednesday 17 April 2019
Monday 3 June 2019	Friday 10 May 2019	Monday 20 May 2019
Monday 1 July 2019	Friday 7 June 2019	Monday 17 June 2019
Thursday 1 August 2019	Wednesday 10 July 2019	Thursday 18 July 2019
Monday 2 September 2019	Friday 9 August 2019	Monday 19 August 2019

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[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 date[2]

Publication date	Deadline for existing electors to change their opt-out status[3]
England and Wales: Wednesday 2 January 2019 Scotland: Thursday 3 January 2019	England and Wales: Wednesday 19 December 2018 Scotland: Thursday 20 December 2018
Friday 1 February 2019	Friday 18 January 2019
Friday 1 March 2019	Friday 15 February 2019
Monday 1 April 2019	Monday 18 March 2019
Wednesday 1 May 2019	Wednesday 17 April 2019
Monday 3 June 2019	Monday 20 May 2019
Monday 1 July 2019	Monday 17 June 2019
Thursday 1 August 2019	Thursday 18 July 2019
Monday 2 September 2019	Monday 19 August 2019
Tuesday 1 October 2019	Tuesday 17 September 2019
Friday 1 November 2019	Friday 18 October 2019

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[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 alteration[4]: publication dates in England for local elections[5] on 2 May 2019

	Publication of notice	Last date for applications	Determination deadline
First interim election notice of alteration	Wednesday 3 April 2019	Monday 25 March 2019	Tuesday 2 April 2019
Second interim election notice of alteration	Between Thursday 4 April and Wednesday 24 April 2019 (inclusive)	6 working days before the determination deadline	The working day before the date of publication
Final election notice of alteration	Thursday 25 April 2019	Friday 12 April 2019	Wednesday 24 April 2019

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[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 2 May 2019: 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 calendars 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).