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# Timetable for candidates and agents: Local government elections in England and Wales on 22 May 2014

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This factsheet covers the timetable for the English local government elections on 22 May 2014.

If you are a candidate or agent at these elections, there are rules you must follow about how much you can spend, who you can accept donations from and what you must report after the election. You should read the guidance on our website to understand how to follow the rules. This factsheet provides the timetable for following the rules.

## The regulated period

The regulated period means the time when the spending limits and rules apply.

The regulated period starts on the **day after** you officially become a candidate and ends on 22 May, at the close of the poll. The earliest date you can become a candidate is

on the last date for publication of the notice of election on **Monday 14 April 2014**. **The earliest date the regulated period can begin is 15 April 2014 (see timetable below).**

You will become a candidate on this date if you or others have already announced your intention to stand. Otherwise, you become a candidate when you are declared or nominated as a candidate, whichever is earlier.

## Recording and reporting

You must record all donations towards your spending and your candidate spending during the regulated period. You will need to include this information in your spending return after the election.

Our detailed [guidance](#) for candidates and agents explains all the rules you must follow during this period, including which donations you can accept.

## Deadline dates for 2014

There are specific deadlines for receiving and paying invoices and reporting your campaign finances after the election that you must meet.

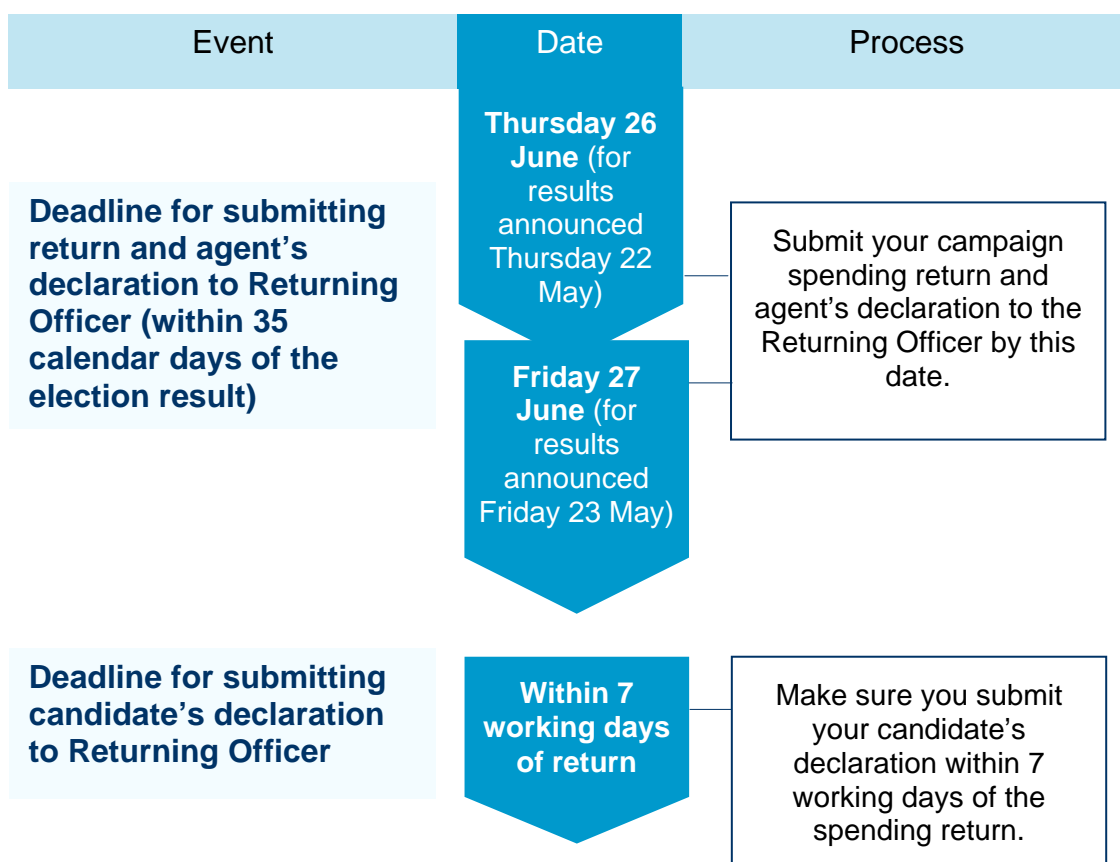
The flowchart below sets out the deadlines for each task. You can find a copy of the spending return and

the declarations you need to complete [here](#).

## Key Dates and Events

Event	Date	Process
<b>Earliest date you can become a candidate</b>	<b>Monday 14 April 2014</b>	The regulated period starts the day after you officially become a candidate. [Start recording use of your spending.]
<b>Earliest date regulated period can start</b>	<b>Tuesday 15 April 2014</b>	
<b>Polling day</b>	<b>Thursday 22 May 2014</b>	Regulated period ends.
<b>Deadline to receive invoices from suppliers (within 21 calendar days of the election result)</b>	<b>Thursday 12 June (for results announced Thursday 22 May)</b>	Make sure you've received all your invoices from your suppliers by this date. You'll need a court order to pay the invoices if you haven't met this deadline.
	<b>Friday 13 June (for results announced Friday 23 May)</b>	
<b>Deadline to pay invoices (within 28 calendar days of the election result)</b>	<b>Thursday 19 June (for results announced Thursday 22 May)</b>	Make sure you've paid all your invoices by this date.
	<b>Friday 20 June (for results announced Friday 23 May)</b>	

## Key Dates and Events (continued)



## Where you can find more information

You can find more information in the [guidance](#) for the local government elections. Part three covers the spending, donations and reporting rules for candidates and agents.

If it's easier, you can also call us using our phone numbers below or email us. We are here to help, so please get in touch.

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