



**INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION**  
**REVISED TIMETABLE AND SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR 2027 GENERAL ELECTION**

By virtue of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), tenure of the President, Vice President, Governors and Deputy Governors of States of the Federation (except Anambra, Bayelsa, Edo, Ekiti, Imo, Kogi, Ondo, and Osun States) will expire on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2027 while membership of the National and State Assemblies will stand dissolved on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2027.

Pursuant to Sections 76(2), 116 (2), 132 (2) and 178 (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), elections to the said offices shall hold **not earlier than One Hundred and Fifty (150) days and not later than Thirty (30) days** before the expiration of the term of office of the last holder of that office.

Whereas section 28(1) of the now repealed Electoral Act, 2022 required the Commission to issue a Notice of Election not later than Three Hundred and Sixty (360) days before the date fixed for the election, and having issued same on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2026;

And whereas the said statutory timeline has been revised pursuant to the enactment of the Electoral Act, 2026, which now requires that the Notice of Election be issued not later than Three Hundred (300) days before the date of the election;

And whereas the Commission has, in strict compliance with the provisions of the Electoral Act, 2026, issued the requisite Notice of Election and has accordingly adjusted the Timetable and Schedule of Activities to align fully with the extant statutory framework;

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred on the Commission by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), the Electoral Act, 2026, and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and in accordance with the revised statutory timelines, the Commission hereby issues this Revised Timetable and Schedule of Activities for the 2027 General Election.

S/N	ACTIVITY	DATE	REMARK
1	Notice of Election	13 <sup>th</sup> February, 2026	Section 28(1) of the Electoral Act, 2026 provides not later than 300 days before the election.
2	Submission of Political Parties' Register of Members to the Commission	Commencement date 1 <sup>st</sup> April, 2026 End 21 <sup>st</sup> April, 2026	Section 77(4) of the Electoral Act, 2026 provides not later than 21 days to the conduct of party primaries.
3	Conduct of Party Primaries, including resolution of disputes arising from the Primaries.	Commencement date 23 <sup>rd</sup> April, 2026 End 30 <sup>th</sup> May, 2026	To enable Political Parties democratically nominate candidates for the election as required by Section 84 of the Electoral Act, 2026.

4	Submission of Forms EC9 and EC9A, 9B, 9C, 9D & 9E online (Nomination Portal).	<b>Presidential &amp; National Assembly</b> 9.00AM 27 <sup>th</sup> June, 2026 - 6.00PM 11 <sup>th</sup> July, 2026  <b>Governorship &amp; State Houses of Assembly</b> 9.00AM 18 <sup>th</sup> July, 2026 - 6.00PM 8 <sup>th</sup> August, 2026	Section 29(1) of the Electoral Act, 2026 provides for not later than 120 days before the election. <b>EC9 (Personal Particulars of Candidates). EC9A, 9B, 9C, 9D &amp; 9E (Names /List of Nominated Candidates).</b> Access code for the submission of nomination forms shall be available for collection from <b>26<sup>th</sup> June, 2026</b> at the Commission's Headquarters.
5	Publication of Personal Particulars of candidates (EC9) by the Commission.	<b>Presidential &amp; National Assembly</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2026  <b>Governorship &amp; State Houses of Assembly</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> August, 2026	Section 29(3) of the Electoral Act, 2026 provides for the publication of Form EC9 within 21 days of receipt.
6	Commencement of Campaign by Political Parties in public.	<b>Presidential &amp; National Assembly</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> August, 2026  <b>Governorship &amp; State Houses of Assembly</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> September, 2026	Section 98(1) of the Electoral Act, 2026 provides that campaign in public by every political party shall commence 150 days before polling day and end 24 hours prior to that day.
7	Last day for withdrawal by candidate(s)/replacement of withdrawn candidate(s) by Political Parties.	<b>Presidential &amp; National Assembly</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> August, 2026  <b>Governorship &amp; State Houses of Assembly</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> September, 2026	Section 31 of the Electoral Act, 2026 provides not later than 90 days to the election.
8	Last day for submission of Nomination forms (EC13A, 13B, 13C, 13D & 13E) by Political Parties.	<b>Presidential &amp; National Assembly</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> August, 2026  <b>Governorship &amp; State Houses of Assembly</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> September, 2026	To enable Political parties comply with Section 30(1) of the Electoral Act, 2026.

9	Publication of final list of nominated candidates by the Commission.	<b>Presidential &amp; National Assembly</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> September, 2026 <b>Governorship &amp; State Houses of Assembly</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> October, 2026	Section 32(1) of the Electoral Act, 2026 provides at least 60 days before the day of election.
10	Last day for submission of names of Polling Agents to the Electoral Officer of the Local Government Area by Political Parties.	<b>Presidential &amp; National Assembly</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> December, 2026 <b>Governorship &amp; State Houses of Assembly</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> January, 2027	Section 43(1) of the Electoral Act, 2026 provides for not later than 14 days before the election.
11	Publication of the official Register of Voters by the Commission.	15 <sup>th</sup> December, 2026	Section 10(4) & 44(b) of the Electoral Act, 2026
12	Publication of Notice of Poll by the Commission.	29 <sup>th</sup> December, 2026	Section 44(a) of the Electoral Act, 2026 provides for not later than 14 days before the election.
13	Last day for campaigns by Political Parties.	<b>Presidential &amp; National Assembly</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> January, 2027 <b>Governorship &amp; State Houses of Assembly</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> February, 2027	Section 98(1) of the Electoral Act, 2026 provides that campaign in public by every political party shall commence 150 days before polling day and end 24 hours prior to that day.
14	Date of Election	<b>Presidential &amp; National Assembly</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> January, 2027 <b>Governorship &amp; State Houses of Assembly</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> February, 2027	Sections 76 (1) & (2), 116 (1) & (2), 132 (1) & (2) and 178 (1) & (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) empower the Commission to appoint dates for Presidential, Governorship, National Assembly and State House of Assembly elections not earlier than 150 days and not later than 30 days before the expiration of the term of office of the last holder/before the House stands dissolved.

  
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Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026