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ELECTORAL COMMISSION

NOTICE 4086 OF 2026

2026 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION TIMETABLE

In terms of section 11 of the Local Government: Municipal Electoral Act, 2000 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), the Electoral Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") hereby compiles this election timetable to apply to the 2026 municipal elections that will be held on **04 November 2026**. (A reference to "section" in this election timetable is a reference to that section of the Act and a reference to "regulation" is a reference to that regulation in the Municipal Electoral Regulations, 2000.)

Cut-off time for act to be performed

1. An act required to be performed by no later than a date stated in the election timetable in terms of the Act and the Municipal Electoral Regulations, 2000, must be performed before 17:00 on that date.

Inspection of the segments of the provisional voters' roll and objections thereto

1A The Chief Electoral Officer must make available segments of the provisionally compiled voters' roll for this election, for inspection at the office of the Commission's local representative. The period for inspection will be as from **10 August 2026** to **17 August 2026**.

1B Any objections in terms of section 15 of the Electoral Act in respect of segments of the provisionally compiled voters' roll compiled for this election must be made to the Commission between **11 August 2026** and **18 August 2026.**

Commission's decision in respect of section 15 objections to the provisional voters' roll

1C The Commission will finalise all section 15 objections to the provisionally compiled voters' roll by **24 August 2026**.

Notice that a list of addresses of voting stations is available for inspection

2. The Commission must give notice by **14 August 2026** that from the date of the notice until the voting day copies of a list of all voting stations and their addresses will be available for inspection at the office of the Commission's local representative.

Notice of route of mobile voting station

3. The Commission must give notice by **14 August 2026** of the route, including the locations and estimated times of stopping of each mobile voting station.

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Cut-off date for publication and certification of the voters' roll

4. By **26 August 2026** the Chief Electoral Officer must certify the voters' roll, or the municipality's segments of the voters' roll to be used in this election, in terms of section 6(2), and make those segments available.

Cut-off date for submissions to contest the elections, list of candidates and nomination of ward candidates

5. (1) Registered parties that intend to contest this election in terms of section 14 must submit a party list of their candidates and the prescribed deposit with the supporting documents for the election in the manner provided for in section 14(1A) (a) or (b) in the prescribed form by **28 August 2026**.

(2) Registered parties and independent candidates that intend to contest a ward in this election in terms of section 17 must submit their nominations and the prescribed deposits with the supporting documentation for the said ward election in a manner provided for in section 17(1A) (a) or (b) in the prescribed form by **28 August 2026**.

(3) Payment of the prescribed deposits in terms of sections 14(1)(b), 17(2)(d) and 14A must be made by **28 August 2026**.

Cut-off date to request and submit copy of identity document and signed acceptance of nomination

6. (1)(a) The Commission may request a registered party that has submitted a party list of candidates in terms of section 14 to submit the information in section 14(3) (a) or (b), by **04 September 2026**.

(b) If a registered party has been requested by the Commission to submit the information in section 14(3) (a) or (b), that party must submit the requested information to the Commission by **07 September 2026**.

(2)(a) The Commission may request the registered party or person nominating a candidate in terms of section 17 to submit the information in section 17(2A) (a) or (b) by **04 September 2026**.

(b) If the nominating party or person been requested by the Commission to submit the information in section 17(2A) (a) or (b), that party or person must submit the requested information to the Commission by **07 September 2026**.

Multiple nominations of candidates

6A. (1) The Chief Electoral Officer must notify a candidate whose name appears on more than one party list for an election submitted in terms of section 14, and all the parties on whose party lists such a candidate appears, by **09 September 2026**.

(2) If the notified party decides to act in terms of section 14(4A)(b), that party must do so by **11 September 2026**.

(3) The Chief Electoral Officer must notify a ward candidate that has been nominated by more than one party or person for an election, and each party or person who has nominated such candidate, by **09 September 2026**.

(4) If the notified nominating party or person decides to act in terms of section 17(2B)(b), that party or person must do so by **11 September 2026**.

List of parties entitled to contest election and list of candidates

7. By **16 September 2026** the Commission-

   (a) must compile the list of the registered parties entitled to contest this election;

   (b) must certify the party lists for this election; and

   (c) keep those lists available at the office of the Commission's local representative.

List of ward candidates to contest ward election

8. By **16 September 2026** the Commission must-

   (a) compile and certify for each ward contested in this election, a list of candidates contesting that ward; and

   (b) keep copies of those lists available at the office of the Commission's local representative.

Issue of certificate to candidate

9. By **25 September 2026** the Commission must issue-

   (a) the prescribed candidate certificate to each candidate on the certified party lists in this election; and

   (b) the prescribed candidate certificate to each candidate on the certified list of ward

Application for special vote

10. (1) From **21 September 2026** a voter may apply in terms of Regulation 28B(1) to cast a special vote within the voting district where she or he is registered. Any such application must be made by no later than **12 October 2026**.

    (2) On **02 and 03 November 2026**, voters who had successfully applied to cast their special votes at the voting station, may visit the voting station between 08h00 and 17h00 to cast their special votes.

    (3) On **02 and 03 November 2026**, voting officers must visit voters who had successfully applied to cast their special votes at their places of residence, to afford them the opportunity to cast their votes there.

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