

Timetable for the referendum on the UK's membership of the European Union: 23 June 2016

Regulations confirming the date of the referendum have now been approved by the UK Parliament and the date has been set for the 23 June 2016.

This timetable below sets out the key deadlines which now apply to the referendum, including timings for the designation of lead campaigners.

Timetable

Event	Working days before poll (deadline if not midnight)	Date
Publication of notice of referendum	Not later than 25 days; on the date specified by the CCO	Tuesday 17 May
Delivery of poll cards to electors	As soon as practicable after the publication of the notice of referendum; within a period of five working days starting with the day after the last date for publication of the notice of referendum	Between Wednesday 18 May and Tuesday 24 May
Despatch of postal votes to overseas addresses	Within a period of five days starting with the day which is four days after the last date for publication of the notice of referendum; must not be issued so as to be received before 28 calendar days before the poll	Between Monday 23 May and Friday 27 May
Postal votes delivered to electors at UK addresses	Within a period of five days starting with the day which is eight days after the last date for publication of the notice of referendum; must not be issued so as to be received before 28 calendar days before the poll	Between Friday 27 May and Friday 3 June
Deadline for the notification of appointment of referendum agents	16 days (noon)	Noon on Tuesday 31 May
Publication of notice of poll and situation of polling stations	Not later than 15 days	Not later than Wednesday 1 June

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Deadline for receiving applications for registration	12 days (Gibraltar bank and public holidays are not disregarded)	Tuesday 7 June
Deadline for receiving new postal vote and postal proxy applications, and for changes to existing postal or proxy votes (excluding Northern Ireland)	11 days (5pm) (Gibraltar bank and public holidays are not disregarded)	5pm on Wednesday 8 June
Deadline for receiving new applications to vote by proxy (not postal proxy or emergency proxies) (excluding Northern Ireland)	6 days (5pm)	5pm on Wednesday 15 June
Deadline for notification of appointment of polling and counting agents	5 days	Thursday 16 June
First date that electors can apply for a replacement for lost postal votes (excluding Northern Ireland)	4 days	Friday 17 June
Polling day	0 (7am to 10pm)	7am to 10pm on Thursday 23 June
Last time for re-issue of spoilt or lost postal votes (excluding Northern Ireland)	0 (5pm)	5pm on Thursday 23 June
Deadline for emergency proxy applications (excluding Northern Ireland)	0 (5pm)	5pm on Thursday 23 June

