

**PRELIMINARY TIMELINE
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 1999 AZERBAIJAN (TO BE CONFIRMED BY CEC)**

| DAY | DATE | CEC | TEC | PEC | CANDIDATES/ OBSERVERS | EXECUTIVE BODIES and COURTS | VOTERS | LEGAL REFERENCE AND NOTES |
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| E-Day Minus 110 | 24.08.99 | Last day for approving samples of documents for nominations of persons to TECs and PECs | | | | | | Articles 10.6, 12.3 |
| E-Day Minus 95 | 8.09.99 | | Last day for formation of TECs | | | | | Article 10.1 |
| E-Day Minus 92 | 11.09.99 | | Last day for TEC to inform voters about its address and telephone numbers | | | | | Article 11.1 Voters must be informed within 3 days of TEC's formation |
| E-Day Minus 80 | 23.09.99 | | Last day for creating precincts | Last day for formation of PECs | | | | Article 19.2 Article 12.1 |
| E-Day Minus 77 | 26.09.99 | | | Last day for PEC to inform voters about its address and telephone numbers | | | | Article 13 |
| E-day Minus 75 | 28.09.99 | Present budget requirements to Cabinet of Ministers | | | | | | 28 July Presidential Decree on Elections |
| E-Day Minus 55 | 18.10.99 | | | | First day for presentation of nomination documents | | | Article 25.3 |
| E-Day Minus 40 | 2.11.99 | Last day for approving format of ballot papers | | | | Last day for executive bodies to send information on voters to PECs | | Article 37.1 Article 20.2 |

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| E-Day Minus 30 | 12.11.99 | Last day for printing of ballot paper blanks | | Last day for approval of initial voters lists by PECs | Signatures in support of candidates and candidates nomination form to be submitted to TEC by 18:00 hours | | | Article 37.6 Article 21.6 Article 22.1 Article 24.5, 25.3 Article 29.3 |
| | | | | | Last day for commencement of election campaign | | | Campaign commences on date candidates are registered |
| | | | | Voters lists put on public display | | | | |
| E-Day Minus 25 | 17.11.99 | | Last day for determining whether to register or reject a candidate Last day for allocating each candidate, political and voters initiative group equal space for displaying printed campaign materials | | | | | Article 26.1 Article 34.4 |
| E-day Minus 24 | 18.11.99 | | Last day for announcing list of candidates for a municipality | | | | | Article 26.2 |
| E-Day Minus 23 | 19.11.99 | | | | Last day for court action challenging registration or rejection of a candidate | | | Article 26.5 Deadline dependent on TEC - is 48 hours after TEC approval |
| E-day Minus 21 | 21.11.99 | | | | | Last day for determining complaints regarding candidates registrations | | Article 26.5 Deadline dependent on TEC - is 2 days after complaint to court |
| E-Day Minus 20 | 22.11.99 | | | Last day for informing voters of voting station location and hours of voting | | | | Article 38.2 |

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| E-Day Minus 16 | 26.11.99 | | | Last day to send signed copy of voters list to TEC | | | | Article 20.6 |
| E-Day Minus 3 | 9.12.99 24:00 hours | | Deadline for delivery of ballot papers to PECs | Last day for receipt of ballot papers from TECs | Deadline for withdrawal of candidacy at 24:00 hours | | | Article 37.7 Article 28.4 |
| E-Day Minus 2 | 10.12.99 24:00 hours | | | | | | Deadline at 24:00 hours for voters to inform PEC that wish to use mobile ballot box | Article 38.4 |
| E-Day Minus 1 | 11.12.99 24:00 hours | | | | Election campaign period ends at 24:00 hours | | | Article 29.3 |
| | | | Complaints about PECs investigated immediately | Voting operations from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm | | | | Article 38.1 Article 16.8 Article 18.5 |
| Election Day | 12.12.99 | Complaints about TECs investigated immediately | Dissenting opinions from TEC decisions to be sent to the CEC immediately | Dissenting opinions from PEC decisions to be sent to the TEC immediately | | | | E-Day must be at least 120 da before expiry of council's term office |
| E-Day Plus 1 | 13.12.99 | | | Deadline of 24:00 hours for sending first copy of voting results protocol to TEC | | | | Article 39.17 |
| E-Day Plus 2 | 14.12.99 | | Deadline of 24:00 hours for determining results of elections within the TEC's territory Deadline for casting of lots between tied candidates | | | | | Article 40.1 Article 41.3 Allowing only one day for TEC to determine results in the 20-municipalities under each's control, and for potential recounts of votes may be way too am |
| E-day Plus 3 | 15.12.99 24:00 hours | | Deadline for despatching first copy of TEC result protocol to CEC | | | | | Article 40.5 |

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| E-Day Plus 5 | 17.12.99 | | | | Last day for challenging TEC's determination of election results | | | Article 18.2 Deadline dependent on TEC - is 3 days after TEC's announcement |
| E-Day Plus 20 | 1.1.00 | Last day for official approval/ announcement of municipal election results | | | End of potential period of immunity from dismissal, transfer sent of business trip or new employment in relation to work, and conscription for military service | | | Article 42 Article 28.2 |
| E-day Plus 23 | 4.1.00 | | | | Last day for challenging CEC's official announcement of election results | | | Article 18.2 Deadline dependent on CEC - is 3 days after CEC's announcement |
| E-day Plus 25 | 6.1.00 | | Last day for TEC to give certification of election card to each successful candidate | | | | | Article 43 |
| E-day Plus 27 | 8.1.00 | | | | Last day for submitting report on campaign expenditure to TEC | | | Article 35 Dependent on announcement results - must be within 7 days of announcement |
| E-Day Plus 30 | 11.1.00 | | | Last day for returning all election documents and ballot papers to TEC | | | | Article 39.18 |
| E-day Plus 2 months | 12.2.00 | Last day for publishing official results and voting information at TEC and PEC levels | | | | | | Article 47 |
| E-Day Plus 6 Months | 12.5.00 | Period of preservation of election records | Period of preservation of election records | Period of preservation of election records | | | | Article 49 |

NOTE: OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS IS TAKEN TO BE DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS BY CEC. THIS IS YET TO BE CONFIRMED BY CEC, WHO REGARD THIS AS A MINOR TECHNICAL ISSUE

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| Within 10 days | | Period within which complaints against TEC requiring additional investigation must be examined | Period within which complaints against PEC requiring additional investigation must be examined | | | | | Article 18.6 |
| Within 5 days | | Period within which complaints filed against TEC must be determined | Period within which complaints filed against PEC must be determined | | | | | Article 18.5 |
| Within 3 days | | | Period after receipt of application within which TEC must register candidates' advocates Period within which TEC chairperson must send dissenting TEC member's opinion to CEC Period within which TEC must check | Period within which PEC chairperson must send dissenting PEC member's opinion to TEC | Period within which complaint on ECs activities or decisions may be filed with the relevant court, or the higher level of election commission Period from registration as a candidate within which candidates who are | Period within which state bodies and other organisations must answer requests from ECs Period within court must determine complaints against PEC decisions on voters lists | Period within which complaint on ECs activities or decisions may be filed with the relevant court, or the higher level of election commission | Article 11.1 Article 13 Article 16.8 Article 17 Article 18.1 Article 18.2 |
| | | | Period within which advises of its address and telephone numbers following its formation | Period within which advises of its address and telephone numbers following its formation | | Period within which complaint to court on PEC's decision on application for amendment or addition to voters list must be investigated | | |
| Within 2 days | | | | | | Period within which court must determine complaint about a TECs registration or refusal to register a candidate | | Article 26.5 |

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| Within 48 hours | | | | | Period within which complaint about PEC decision to register or refuse to register candidate must be made | | | Article 26.5 |
| At least 24 hours | | Notice to be given to members of EC meeting | Notice to be given to members of EC meeting | Notice to be given to members of EC meeting | | | | Article 16.6 |
| Within 24 hours | | | | Period within which PEC must determine applications for amendment or addition to voters list | | | | Article 22.3 |
| Within 12 hours | | | | | | Period within which court must determine application for recount by TEC | | Article 39.14 |
| Immediately | | | TEC chairperson must send dissenting TEC member's opinion on voting day to CEC | PEC chairperson must send dissenting PEC member's opinion on voting day to TEC Correction of voters list by PEC following order of a court | | Period within which court must determine complaint on voters list received on election day | | Article 16.8 Article 18.5 Article 22.4 Article 22.5 |