



Election Calendar
Quick Reference Guide

For the Election of President
Of the Russian Federation
16 June 1996

This calendar is intended to serve only as a quick reference guide. The information and descriptions of the deadlines and election activities provided in this calendar have been abbreviated and are not intended to represent the full text or requirements of the relevant laws. To gain a thorough and accurate understanding of the legal requirements, readers should refer to the actual laws and to the regulations and instructions issued by the Central Election Commission.

Deadline*: # Days Prior/After Election Day	Activity	Responsible Entity	Authority*
6 Months Prior to Announcement of the Election (18 June 95)	Electoral Association wishing to forward candidates for election must be registered by Ministry of Justice	Ministry of Justice	Article 28 69/582-II (12)
(15 November 1995)	Once registered, electoral Associations, blocs and voter initiative groups may nominate their proposed candidate for election of President	Electoral Associations, blocs and voters' initiative groups	69/582-II (15)
150 Days Prior	Last date by which funds from Federal Budget is to be transferred to CEC (Within 10 days of announcement setting date of election)		Article 44
(2 March 1996)	Last day for registration of Electoral Blocs (Within 5 days of submission of minutes of congresses during which joining of bloc was adopted)	Central Election Commission	69/582-II (13)
	Last day for issuance of registration certificate to voters' initiative groups, electoral associations or blocs (or within 5 days of submission of required documents, whichever is earlier)	Central Election Commission	Article 34 69/582-II (17)
	Latest date by which electoral associations, blocs and voters' initiative groups may start gathering signatures (or immediately upon issuance of registration certificate, whichever is earlier)	Central Election Commission	Article 34 69/582-II (18)
125 Days Prior (10 February, 1996)	Procedures for accounting for assets of electoral funds defined	Central Election Commission Together with Central Bank of Russian Federation	69/582-II (32)
120 Days Prior	Shortest time frame allowed between setting of the election and election day	Council of Federation of Federal Assembly	Article 4
(April 1, 1996)	Regulations on media access issued for Electronic Media and Periodicals	Central Election Commission with State Bodies enforcing constitutional rights & freedoms of citizens in the domain of mass media	69/582-II (28- 29)
60 Days Prior (16 April 1996)	Territorial Commissions formed	Elective body of local governments	Article 13 69/582-II (1)
	Polling stations must be established	Head of local administrations In Agreement with TECs	Article 24 69/852-II (3)
	Last day by which nominating petitions and documents must be submitted to CEC (by 6:00 p.m.)	Representatives of Electoral Associations, blocs and initiative voters' groups	Article 34

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60 Days Prior (16 April 1996)	Polling Stations established at military units {See 10 June 1996 for exceptional cases}	Commanders of military units upon decision of Electoral Committees of Subjects of Russian Federation	69/582-II(5)
	Polling Stations formed in sanitoriums, medical institutions, remote areas, vessels, polar stations, etc. {See 10 June 1996 for exceptional cases}	Heads of local admiistrtrions with agreement of Territorial Election Committees	69/582-II (4)
	Polling Stations formed for citizens staying in foreign states	Heads of diplomatic representatives or consular establishments in relative state	69/582-II (6)
	Data on lists of voters must be forwarded to polling station committees . {See Article 25, requiring forwarding of data 40 days prior to election}	Heads of local administrations	69/582-II (8)
	Voter lists must be compiled. {See Article 25}	Polling Station Committees	69/582-II (9)
	List of voters must be available for public familiarization . {See Article 27 requiring lists to be available 30 days prior to election}	Polling Station Committees	69/582-II (10)
50 Days Prior (26 April 1996)	Last day by which candidates must be registered by CEC {or within 10 days of receipt of documents, whichever is earlier}	Central Election Commission	Article 35 69/582-II (20)
	And final day by which refusal to register candidates must be decided		
	Last date by which pre-election campaigns may begin {or as of date of registration of candidate}	Mass media, candidates, nominating organizations, etc.	Article 38
	Electoral associations, blocs, voters' initiative groups may nominate authorized representatives for election of President {or as of date of registration of candidate}	Electoral associations, blocs, voters' initiative groups	69/582-II (14)
	Registration certificates issued to registered candidates {or within 10 days documents are accepted, whichever is earlier}	Central Election Commission	69/582-II (21)
	Agents for Candidates may be appointed and supporting documents submitted to CEC {or as of date of registration of candidate, whichever is earlier}	Candidates	69/582-II (23)
	Agents of Candidates are registered, [or upon submission of applications]	Central Election Commission	69/582-II (24)
	Candidates, electoral associations, blocs, voters' initiative groups may receive assistance in holding campaign events, meetings with voters, etc. {Or as of date of registration of candidate, whichever is earlier}	State bodies of power, bodies of local self-government, election commissions	69/582-II (30)
48 Days Prior	Last day by which registration of candidate must be transferred to mass media {or within 2 days of registration, whichever is earlier}	Central Election Commission	Article 35 69/582-II (22)
44 Days Prior (2 May 1996)	Polling Station Committees must be formed [See Article 10 which requires formation 45 days prior to election]	Bodies of local government	Article 14 [Article 10] 69/582-II (2)
40 Days Prior (6 May 1996)	Polling Station lists with addresses and telephone numbers of polling station election committees must be published	Heads of local administrations	Article 24 [Article 10] 69/582-II (7)
	Data on lists of voters must be forwarded to election committees	Heads of local administrations	Article 25

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30 Days Prior	Election Committees of subjects of Russian Federation must be formed	Legislative and executive bodies of state power of subjects, with suggestions of public organizations, elective bodies of local government, meetings of voters at work service, studying and residence	Article 12
	Lists of voters submitted for public familiarization {See Item (10) Annex to CEC Regulation 69/582-II requiring availability for familiarization 60 days prior to election}	Polling Station Committees	Article 27 [Article 8]
30 Days Prior (18 May 1996)	Cut off date from which voters who will be away or unable to go to the polling station on election day are eligible to receive a free certificate of the right to participate so they can vote at another location other than the normal polling station where they appear on the voter list. Absentee vote certificates can be issued	Voters & Polling Station Committees	Article 51 69/582-II (42)
	Form and text of ballot in Russian language must be approved {ee Article 50, 28 Days Prior}	Central Election Commission	69/582-II (38)
28 Days Prior	Form and text of ballot in Russian language must be approved	Central Election Committee	Article 50
(21 May 1996)	Special places must be established for posting of printed propaganda materials {Se Article 43 requiring establishment 20 days prior}	Local administrations	69/582-II (31)
20 Days Prior (26 May 1996)	Special places must be established for posting of printed propaganda materials	Local administrations	Article 43
	Notification to voters as to the time and place of voting must be given by mass media and other means	Polling Station Committees	Article 51 [Article 30] 69/582-II (41)
	Ballots shall be printed based on CEC instructions	Election Committees of Subjects of the Russian Federation	Article 50 69/582-II (39)
16 Days Prior	List of voters completed, with duplicate copies forwarded to Territorial Election Committee	Polling Station Electoral Committees	Article 25
15 Days Prior (31 May 1996)	First date on which advance voting is allowed on vessels, polar stations, fleet, foreign ports and other remote sites	Election Committees of Subjects of the Russian Federation and special relevant Polling Station Committees	Article 51 69/852-II (43)
	First day advance voting is possible for voters who will be absent from their residences	Subject or Precinct Election Commissions	Article 51 [Article 30]
(12 June 1996)	Premises for Polling Stations must be available to Polling Stations Committees	Heads of local administrations	69/582-II (36)
(11 June 1996)	Ballots must be delivered (See Article 50: 4 Days Prior to Election)	Polling Station Commission	69/582-II (40)
5 Days Prior (June 10, 1996)	Last day by which polling stations in sanatoriums, remote sites, medical institutions, spas, vessels and polar stations must be established	Head of local administrations	Article 24 69/582-II (4)
	Last day data on voters submitted to officials at remote sites, vessels, polar stations, foreign posts, etc. for preparation of voter lists for these sites	Head of local administrations, commanders of military units, heads of sanatoria, etc.	69-582-II (8)

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4 Days Prior (11 June 1996)	Ballots must be distributed to Polling Station Committees	Election Committees of Subjects of Russian Federation	Article 50 69-582-II (40)
2 Days Prior	12 p.m. Pre-election campaigning must end (00:00 15 June 1996)	Candidates, electoral associations, blocs and initiative voters' groups	Article 38 69-582-II (27)
1 Day Prior	Last Day candidates may withdraw from candidacy	Candidates & Central Election Committee	Article 37 69-582-II (25)
Election Day (16 June 1996)	8:00 a.m. - 10 p.m. Voting Occurs	Polling Station Committees	Article 51
	Ballots are counted at Polling Stations	Polling Station Committees	Article 52
(20 June 1996)	Results based on polling station protocols are summarized	Territorial Election Commissions	69-582-II (44)
(27 June 1996)	Results based on Territorial Committee protocols are summarized for Subjects of the Russian Federation	Electoral Commissions of the Subjects of the Federation	69-582-II (45)
15 Days After (2 July 1996)	Results of the election must be summarized based on protocols submitted by election committees of the subjects of the Federation and protocols from polling stations outside the territory of the Russian Federation	Central Election Committee	Article 55 69-582-II (46)
18 Days After (6 July 1996)	Results of election must be published {Within 3 days of date protocol of results is signed} [See Article 33 which requires District Electoral Committees to publish summarized results within 3 days after election]	Central Election Committee	Article 55 [Article 33] 69-582-II (47)
28 Days After	Polling station committees must submit financial reports to territorial election committees (not later than 10 days after publication of results)	Polling Station Committees	Article 46
30 Days After	Candidates must return unexpended monetary resources to Central Election Committee proportionally to amount CEC allocated to them	Candidates	Article 47
	Powers of members of Central and Subject Election committees with deliberative votes expire (unless person responsible for their appointment was elected president)		Article 19 [Article 13]
	Reports of campaign receipts and expenditures must be submitted to CEC	Candidates or Electoral Associations	[Article 28]
	Date by which repeat voting must take place as necessary {not later than 15 days after estimation of results of the common election}	CEC	Article 56
48 Days After	Candidates must submit financial report to Central Election Commission {Not later than 30 days after publication of election results} [See Article 28 requiring reports not later than 30 days after election day]	Candidates	Article 46 [Article 28] 69/582-II (33)
After delivery to Central Election Commission	Financial statements of candidates are provided to mass media [See Article 28 requiring publication of reports 45 days after they are submitted]	Central Election Commission	{Article 28} 69/582-II (34)
60 Days After	Election date delayed in the event fewer than two candidates registered in normal nomination period	Central Election Commission	Article 35
78 Days After	Final deadline by which Election Committees of Subjects must submit financial reports to CEC {Not later than 60 days from publication of results}	Electoral Committees of Subjects of Russian Federation	Article 46
100 Days After	Postponement of election date if fewer than two registered candidates remain by election day to allow for new nomination and registration period	Central Election Commission	Article 35

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108 Days After	Final deadline by which Central Election Commission must submit financial report to Houses of the Federal Assembly {no later than 90 days from publication of election results}	Central Election Commission	Article 46 69/582-II (35)
120 Days After	Last date by which repeated election must be held if common electin is declared not to have taken place, or if no candidate was elected during common election or during repeat voting	Council of Federation of Federal Assembly	Article 57
138 Days After	Final deadline by which CEC's financial report must be published in official gazette and provided to mass media (within 30 days of its submission to Houses of Federal Assembly)	Central Election Commission	Article 46 69/582-II (36)
360 Days After	Documents of election committees must be retained	Committees of Subjects of the Russian Federation, territorial election committees and polling station committees	Article 54
Date next Presidential Election is Called	Election results must be retained	Central Election Committee, Committees for Subjects and Territorial Committees	Article 55
Registration of Candidates for Next Presidential Election	Powers of deliberative voting members of CEC and Subject Election Committees originally appointed by Presidential Candidates in prior presidential election expire		Article 19

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