

General School Election Significant Dates

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JANUARY 2014

Wednesday, January 1

- Campaign period begins [*Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, s. 10 (1)(a)(i)]
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AUGUST 2014

Tuesday, August 5

- Last day to apply to the Minister of Education requesting an Advance Voting Exemption Order [*Advance Voting Exemption Guidelines*]

Sunday, August 24

- First day for notice of closure of advance elector registration by a local government officer [*Local Government Act*, s. 56 (5)]

Saturday, August 30

- Last day for a board of education to adopt or amend election bylaws for the November 15 election [*School Act*, s. 45 (6)]

Sunday, August 31

- First day on which a chief election officer can issue a notice of nomination [*Local Government Act*, s. 70 (1) and (4)]
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SEPTEMBER 2014

Tuesday, September 16

- Last day for notice of closure of advance elector registration by a local government officer [*Local Government Act*, s. 56 (5)]

Tuesday September 23

- Last day for advance elector registration [*Local Government Act*, s. 56 (4)]
- Last day for chief election officer to issue a notice of nomination [*Local Government Act*, s. 70 (1) and (4)]

Wednesday, September 24

- Last day for local government to adopt bylaw to use provincial list of voters as list of registered electors [*Local Government Act* s. 59 (2)]
- Provincial list of voters becomes school district list of registered electors, if applicable [*School Act*, s. 43 (5)]

Tuesday September 30

- Period for receiving nominations begins at 9 a.m. [*Local Government Act*, s. 69 (1)]
- Election Proceedings Period begins [*Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, s. 10 (2)(a)]
- List of registered electors available for public inspection at local government offices [*Local Government Act*, s. 62 (3)]

OCTOBER 2014

Tuesday, October 7

- First day for the chief election officer to give public notice of required advance voting which must be held on November 5 [*Local Government Act*, s. 97 (6)]

Friday, October 10

- Nomination period ends at 4 p.m., except if insufficient candidates nominated [*Local Government Act*, s. 69 (1), s. 74 (2)]
- Period of objections to elector registrations ends at 4 p.m. [*Local Government Act*, s. 64 (2)]
- Declaration of candidates [*Local Government Act*, s. 74 (1)]

Tuesday, October 14

- Extension to nomination period (if applicable) ends at 4 p.m. [*Local Government Act*, s. 74 (2)]
- Deadline for challenge of nominations to be received by Provincial Court by 4 p.m. [*Local Government Act*, s. 73.2 (2)]

Wednesday, October 15

- Last day to move or buy property and qualify as an elector [*Local Government Act*, s. 50 (1)(d) and s. 51 (1)(e)]

Thursday, October 16

- First day to publish notice of election [*Local Government Act*, s. 77 (1)]

Friday, October 17

- Last day for originals of faxed nomination documents to be received by the chief election officer [*Local Government Act*, s. 73 (5)]
- A person nominated for election as a school trustee may withdraw by delivering a signed withdrawal to the chief election officer by 4 p.m. After this time, the Minister of Education must approve any such withdrawal [*Local Government Act*, s. 80 (1) and (2)]
- Deadline for withdrawal of electoral organization endorsement is 4 p.m. [*Local Government Act*, s. 73.6]
- Provincial Court must hear and make determination regarding a challenge to a nomination by 4 p.m. [*Local Government Act*, s. 73.2 (9)]

Monday, October 20

- At 4 p.m., the chief election officer must either declare the candidates elected by acclamation or announce that an election by voting is to be held [*Local Government Act*, s. 76 (1), (2) and (3)]

Wednesday, October 29

- Last day for the chief election officer to give notice to the public of details of the advance voting opportunity on November 5 [*Local Government Act*, s. 97 (6)]

NOVEMBER 2014

Wednesday, November 5

- Advance voting day [*Local Government Act*, s. 97 (2)(a)]

Saturday, November 8

- Last day to publish notice of election [*Local Government Act*, s. 77 (1)]

Saturday, November 15

- General school election [*School Act*, s. 35 (2)]
- Election Proceedings Period ends [*Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, s. 10 (2)(b)]

Wednesday, November 19

- Official election results must be declared by 4 p.m. [*Local Government Act*, s. 136 (1)]
- Time period for judicial recount application starts [*Local Government Act*, s. 138 (3)]
- Last day to submit report results of an election by acclamation [*Local Government Act*, s. 148 (1)]
- Election materials available for public inspection after declaration [*Local Government Act*, s. 150 (3)]

Monday, November 24

- Last day to file an application for a judicial recount [*Local Government Act*, s. 138 (3)]

Tuesday, November 25

- First day to take oath of office if elected by voting [*Local Government Act*, s. 137 (1)]

Friday, November 28

- Last day for judicial recount to be completed [*Local Government Act*, s. 139 (1)]

DECEMBER 2014

Monday, December 8

- Elected school trustees take office, provided they have taken their oath [*School Act*, s. 49 (a) and s. 50 (3)]

December 17 to 19 (dependent on date of declaration of election results)

- Last day to file an application with the BC Supreme Court to determine the validity of an election or the right of an elected candidate to take office [*Local Government Act*, s. 143 (3)]

Friday, December 19

- Last day for the chief election officer to submit a report of the election results to the board of education [*Local Government Act*, s. 148 (1)]

- Last day for public inspection of nomination documents and election material [*Local Government Act*, s. 73 (6)(a) and s. 150 (3)]
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JANUARY 2015

Saturday, January 3

- Last day for trustees elected by voting to take the oath of office [*School Act*, s. 50 (1)(b)]

Wednesday, January 7

- Last day for the secretary treasurers to submit for publication to the BC Gazette the names of trustees who took office December 8, 2014 [*Local Government Act*, s. 149]

Thursday, January 15

- If election results were declared on November 19, first possible day to destroy election materials as listed in *Local Government Act*, s. 150 (6).

Saturday, January 17

- Last possible day for runoff election if judicial recount completed on November 28, 2014 [*Local Government Act*, s. 142 (5)]
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FEBRUARY 2015

Friday, February 13

- Last day to file campaign financial disclosure statements without penalty [*Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, s.47 (1)(a)]
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MARCH 2015

Monday, March 16

- Last day to file campaign financing disclosure statements, subject to \$500 late filing penalty fee [*Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, s. 47 (2)]
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