

The Highland Council
Council By-election
Ward 3 - Wick and East Caithness

Date of Poll: **Thursday 01 October 2026**

First day to publish the notice of election	-35	Not earlier than Thursday 13 August 2026
Publication of notice of election		Friday 14 August 2026
Delivery of nomination papers	-34	Each working day (between 10am and 4pm) from Friday 14 August 2026
Delivery of nomination papers		Each working day (between 10am and 4pm) from Monday 17 August 2026
Last day to publish notice of election	-28	Not later than Monday 24 August 2026
Deadline for the delivery of nomination papers	-23	Not later than 4.00pm on Monday 31 August 2026
Deadline for withdrawal of nomination	-23	
Deadline for notification of appointment of election agents	-23	
Publication of notice of poll	-23	As soon as practicable after 4.00pm on Monday 31 August 2026
Issue of poll cards	n/s	Monday 31 August 2026
Registration deadline	-12	Midnight on Tuesday 15 September 2026
Deadline for new postal vote applications and for changes to existing postal or proxy votes	-11	Not later than 5.00pm on Wednesday 16 September 2026
Issue of Postal votes	n/s	Friday 18 September 2026
Deadline for new applications to vote by proxy (not postal proxy), except for medical emergencies	-6	Not later than 5.00pm on Wednesday 23 September 2026
Deadline for notification of appointment of polling and counting agents	-5	Thursday 24 September 2026
First date that electors can apply for replacements for lost postal votes	-4	Friday 25 September 2026
POLLING DAY	0	7.00am – 10.00pm on Thursday 01 October 2026
Deadline for emergency proxy applications	0	Not later than 5.00pm on Thursday 01 October 2026
Last time for re-issue of spoilt and lost postal votes	0	Not later than 10.00pm on Thursday 01 October 2026
Last time to alter the register due to clerical error or court appeal	0	Not later than 9.00pm on Thursday 01 October 2026
COUNT	-	From 10am on Friday 02 October 2026
Last day to submit election spending returns	+35d	Thursday 05 November 2026
Destruction of candidate home address forms	+36	Friday 20 November 2026