

INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION

TIME TABLE AND SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR 2019 FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY (FCT) AREA COUNCIL ELECTIONS

By virtue of Section 113(1) (a) (b) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended), the tenures of the Chairmen and Councilors in the FCT Area Councils will expire on the 19th day of May, 2019.

Pursuant to Section 108(3) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended), elections to the said offices shall hold **not earlier than One Hundred and Fifty (150) days and not later than Thirty (30) days** before the expiration of the term of office of the last holder of that office.

The Commission is empowered by Section 30(1) of the Electoral Act 2010 (as amended) to issue Notice for the elections not later than Ninety (90) days before the date of the elections.

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Independent National Electoral Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Commission hereby issues this Time Table and Schedule of Activities for 2019 FCT Area Council Elections:

S/N	ACTIVITY	DATE	REMARK
1	Notice of election.	3 rd September, 2018	Section 30 (1) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides not later than 90 days before the election.
2	Collection of Forms for all elections by Political Parties at INEC Headquarters.	3 rd - 10 th September, 2018	For Political Parties to issue to their candidates.
3	Conduct of Party Primaries including resolution of disputes arising from the Primaries.	4 th September – 27 th October, 2018	To enable Political Parties democratically nominate candidates for the election as required by Section 87 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended).

4	Commencement of campaign by Political Parties.	2 nd December, 2018	Section 99(1) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides 90 days before polling day.
5	Last day for submission of Forms CF001 and CF002 at the INEC Headquarters (for all elections).	14 th November, 2018	Section 31(1) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides for not later than 60 days before the election.
6	Publication of Personal Particulars of candidates (CF001) (for all elections).	21 st November, 2018	Section 31(3) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides for publication within 7 days of the receipt of the form CF001
7	Last day for withdrawal by candidate(s)/replacement of withdrawn candidate(s) by Political Parties.	2 nd December, 2018	Section 35 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides for not later than 45 days before the election.
8	Last day for the submission of Nomination forms by Political Parties.	14 th December, 2018	Sections 32, 37, 38 and 39 of the Electoral Act 2010 (as amended). (Commission to appoint time for submission).
9	Publication of official Register of voters for the election.	7 th January, 2019	Section 20 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides not later than 30 days before the election.
10	Publication of list of nominated candidates.	31 st January, 2019	Section 34 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides at least 30 days before the day of election.
11	Publication of Notice of Poll (for all elections).	2 nd January, 2019	Section 46 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides not later than 14 days before the election.
12	Submission of names of Party Agents for the Election to the Electoral Officer of the Local Government Areas or Area Councils.	16 th February, 2019	Section 45 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides not later than 14 days before the election.
13	Last day for campaigns.	28 th February, 2019	Section 99(1) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) prohibits Advertisements

			or broadcasts of campaigns 24 hours prior to the day of election.
14	Date of Elections	2 nd March, 2019	Section 108(3) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended), empowers the Commission to appoint date not earlier than 150 days but not later than 30 days before the expiration of the term of office of the last holder of that office.

Note: (i) Run-off election to the office of FCT Area Council Chairman (if any) will be held within 7 days after the announcement of the result of the election in accordance with the provisions of section 111 of the Electoral Act 2010 (as amended)

Dated this 9th day of January, 2018.


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