

TIMETABLE & SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

















Edo State 2020 Governorship Election

The Tenure of the Governor of Edo State will expire on the 11th day of November, 2020. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 178 (1) and (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and Section 25 (7) and (8) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended), the earliest date for Election into the office of Governor, Edo State, shall be the 15th day of June, 2020 and the latest date for the Election shall be 13th Day of October, 2020.

By virtue of the provisions of Section 178 (2) Constitution, and Section 25 (8) of the Electoral Act, Election into the office of a State Governor 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 the office. The Commission is by virtue of Section 30 (1) of the Electoral Act, expected to issue Notice for the Election not later than Ninety (90) days before the date of the Election.

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 Timetable and Schedule of Activities for the conduct of Governorship Election in Edo State:

	Activity	Date	Remarks
1	 Notice of Election	1st June, 2020	Section 30(1) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides not later than 90 days before the election.
2	 Collection of Forms, EC9B (formerly CF002) for the election by political parties at INEC Headquarters.	2nd June, 2020	Collection by Political parties to be issued to their candidates.
3	 Conduct of Party Primaries including resolution of disputes arising from the Primaries.	2nd June - 27th June, 2020	To enable Political Parties democratically nominate candidates for the election as required by Section 87 of the Electoral Act, 2010.
4	 Commencement of campaign by Political Parties in public.	21st June, 2020	Section 99(1) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides 90 days before polling day.
5	 Last day for submission of Forms EC9 (formerly CF001) and EC9B (formerly CF002) at the INEC Headquarters.	6.00PM 29th June, 2020	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 (EC9).	6th July, 2020	Section 31(3) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides for publication within 7 days of the receipt of Form EC9.
7		Last day for withdrawal by candidate(s)/replacement of withdrawn candidate(s) by Political Parties.	13th July, 2020	Section 35 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides not later than 45 days to the election.
8		Last day for submission of Nomination forms by Political Parties	20th July, 2020	To enable Political Parties comply with Section 32(1) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended).
9		Publication of official Register of Voters for the election.	13th August, 2020	Section 20 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides for not later than 30 days before the election.
10		Publication of final list of nominated candidates.	20th August, 2020	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	1st September, 2020	Section 46 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides for not later than 14 days before the election.
12		Last day for submission of names of Polling Agents for the Election to the Electoral Officer of the Local Government Area.	1st September, 2020	Section 45 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides for not later than 14 days before the election.
13		Last day for campaigns	17th September, 2020	Section 99(1) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides 90 days for commencement of campaigns by Political parties and end of same 24 hours before polling day.
14		Date of Election	19th September, 2020	Section 178 (1) & 2 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and Section 25(8) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) empower the Commission to appoint a date for the Governorship election not earlier than 150 days and not later than 30 days before the expiration of the term of office of the last holder of that office.



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