



INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION

TIMETABLE AND SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR ANAMBRA STATE GOVERNORSHIP ELECTION 2021

The Tenure of the Governor of Anambra State will expire on the 17th day of March, 2022. 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 the Election into the office of the Governor, Anambra State, shall be the 18th day of October, 2021 and the latest date for the Election shall be 15th Day of February, 2022.

By virtue of the provisions of Section 178 (2) of the 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 Independent National Electoral Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) is by virtue of Section 30 (1) of the Electoral Act, expected to issue Notice of the Election not later than Ninety (90) days before the date of the election.

In exercise of the powers conferred on 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 Anambra State:

S/N	ACTIVITY	DATE	REMARK
1	Notice of election	9 th June, 2021	Section 30(1) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides not later than 90 days before the election.
2	Collection of Forms EC9 (Formerly CF001) and EC9B (Formerly CF002) for the election by political parties at INEC Headquarters.	10 th June, 2021	Collection by Political parties to be issued to their candidates.

3	Conduct of Party Primaries including resolution of disputes arising from the Primaries.	10 th June - 1 st July, 2021	To enable Political Parties democratically nominate candidates for the election as required by Section 87 of the Electoral Act, 2010.
4	Submission of Forms EC9 and EC9B online (nomination portal).	9.00AM 2 nd July - 6.00PM 9 th July, 2021	Section 31(1) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides for not later than 60 days before the election. EC9 (Personal Particulars of Candidates). EC9B (Names /List of Nominated Candidates). Access code for the submission of nomination forms shall be available for collection from 1st July, 2021, at the Commission's headquarters.
5	Publication of Personal Particulars of candidates (EC9) by the Commission.	16 th July, 2021	Section 31(3) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides for publication within 7 days of the receipt of Form EC9.
6	Last day for withdrawal by candidate(s)/replacement of withdrawn candidate(s) by Political Parties.	30 th July, 2021	Section 35 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides not later than 45 days to the election.
7	Last day for submission of nomination forms (EC13B) by Political Parties	6 th August, 2021	To enable Political Parties comply with Section 32(1) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended).
8	Commencement of campaign by Political Parties in public.	8 th August, 2021	Section 99(1) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides 90 days before polling day.
9	Publication of official Register of Voters for the election by the Commission.	7 th October, 2021	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 by the Commission.	7 th October, 2021	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 by the Commission.	21 st October, 2021	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 by political parties.	21 st October, 2021	Section 45 of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended) provides for not later than 14 days before the election.
13	Last day for campaigns by political parties.	4 th November, 2021	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	6 th November, 2021	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.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2021


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