



FINAL MARCH 2021 BY-ELECTIONS STAKEHOLDERS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

KARONGA NORTHWEST, NTCHISI NORTH, LILONGWE MSINJA SOUTH, ZOMBA

CHANGALUME, NSANJE CENTRAL, NSANJE NORTH AND CHIKWAWA EAST

CONSTITUENCIES; & RIVIRIDZI AND CHITAKALE WARDS

DATE	EVENT
15 February 2021	Meeting with Presidential Taskforce on Covid-19 and Centre for Multiparty Democracy (CMD) Board in Lilongwe
15 February 2021	Gazette of By-election Order
15 February 2021	Start of Official Campaign
17 February 2021	Commission meeting
19 February 2021	Launch of By-elections at National Level (Radio and TV)
19-20 February 2021	Awareness Meetings with Traditional and Religious Leaders
19 February 2021	Launch of By-elections in the seven Constituencies
20 February 2021	Launch of By-elections in the two wards
20 February 2021	Briefing of DEST & CROs in the Councils of Karonga, Ntchisi, Lilongwe, Zomba, Chikwawa and Nsanje
21 February 2021	Briefing of DEST & WROs in the Councils of Balaka and Mulanje



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21 February 2021	Deadline for submission of names of part representatives – Registration and Inspection
21 February 2021	Training of Supervisors and BVRK operators in the Constituencies and wards
21 February – 7 March 2021	Public outreach: Mobilization using loudhailers on update of Voters' Register inspection
22 February – 7 March 2021	Registration, Update and Inspection of the Voters' Register in Karonga North West, Ntchisi North, Lilongwe Msinja South & Zomba Changalume constituencies; and Liviridzi and Chitakale wards
22 February – 7 March 2021	Inspection of the Voters' Register in Chikwawa East, Nsanje North and Nsanje Central constituencies
7 March 2021	Pre-Examination of nomination papers in Karonga North West, Ntchisi North, Lilongwe Msinja South & Zomba Changalume constituencies; and Liviridzi and Chitakale wards
8 March 2021	Confirmation of Candidature in the Constituency for Chikwawa East, Nsanje North and Nsanje Central
8 March 2021	Presentation of nomination papers in Karonga North West, Ntchisi North, Lilongwe Msinja South & Zomba Changalume constituencies; and Liviridzi and Chitakale wards
11 March 2021 (From 12 noon to 4pm)	Vetting of ballot paper templates by party/candidates' representatives
16 – 23 March 2021	Printing of ballot papers
19 March 2021	Deadline for submission of names of party representatives –



DATE	EVENT
	Polling
19– 30 March 2021	Public outreach: Mobilisation on polling
25 March 2021	Briefing of DEST, CRO and DECAs on polling procedures and results management
26 March 2021	Receipt of ballot papers at KIA
26 – 27 March 2021	Training of CROs, Presiding Officers, Polling Station Operation Officers
27 March, 2021	Delivery of polling materials to Constituency
28 March 2021	Delivery of Polling materials and deployment of staff to polling stations
6.00am 28 March, 2021	End of Campaign
9:00 am 29 March, 2021	Opening and pre-checking of polling materials including ballot papers and training of Clerks
06:00-18:00 HOURS 30 MARCH, 2021	POLLING DAY
30 – 31 March 2021	Retrieval of Materials from polling stations to Results Centre
31 March 2021	Delivery of polling materials to MEC Regional Warehouses
1 April 2021	Determination and Announcement of Results by the Commission in Lilongwe
11 – 12 April 2021	Depositing of electoral materials with Parliament