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**Entire legal regulation for election days of the 2021 university student body elections, version of 24.03.2021.**

**Long title**

Ordinance of the Federal Minister of Education, Science and Research on the Election Days for the Student Union Elections 2021 StF: BGBl. II No. 110/2021

**Preamble/Promulgation Clause**

Pursuant to section 43(2) of the Student Union Act 2014 - HSG 2014, Federal Law Gazette I No. 45/2014, as last amended by Federal Law Gazette I No. 31/2018, it is hereby decreed:

**Text**

**Election days**

§ 1. Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, shall be designated as the election days for the 2021 Student Body Election.

**Deadlines and timing**

§ 2. The following deadlines and times must be observed:

March 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 (seven weeks before the first election day)	- Cut-off date for eligibility to vote (Section 47 (5) of the Student Union Act 2014 - HSG 2014, Federal Law Gazette I No. 45/2014, as amended by Federal Law Gazette I No. 31/2018, and Section 14 of the Student Union Election Regulations 2014 - HSWO 2014, Federal Law Gazette II No. 48/2017). - Start of the submission period for election proposals (Section 22 HSWO 2014) - Start of the submission period for candidatures (§ 28 HSWO 2014)
March 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2021 (day after the end of the reporting period)	- Start of the period for applying for an election card (§ 52 HSWO 2014)
April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2021 (second business day after the deadline)	- End of the deadline for the transmission of data pursuant to section 15 para. 2 HSWO 2014 to the Election Commission of the Austrian National Union of Students (section 16 para. 1 HSWO 2014)
April 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 (six weeks before the last election day)	- Start of the period for inspecting the electoral rolls (Section 19 (3) in conjunction with (1) HSWO 2014) - Start of the period for submitting written objections to the electoral rolls (Section 20 (1) in conjunction with Section 19 (1) HSWO 2014)

<p>April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (five weeks before the first election day)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- End of the deadline for submitting election proposals (Section 22 (1) HSWO 2014)</li> <li>- End of the period for inspection of the Electoral rolls (Section 19 (3) in conjunction with (1) HSWO 2014)</li> <li>- End of the period for submitting written objections to the electoral rolls (Section 20 (1) in conjunction with Section 19 (1) HSWO 2014)</li> </ul>
<p>April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (within three working days from the end of the period for inspection).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Last date for decisions on appeals against the electoral rolls (Section 20 (2) HSWO 2014)</li> </ul>
<p>April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (four weeks before the first election day)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Last date for submission of improvements to election proposals (Section 29 (3) HSWO 2014).</li> <li>- Last date for withdrawal of election proposals (Section 30 (1) HSWO 2014)</li> <li>- Last date for withdrawal of declarations of support for election proposals (section 27 (7) HSWO 2014)</li> <li>- Last date for reaching agreement on different designations of election proposals (Section 23 (1) HSWO 2014)</li> </ul>
<p>April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 (four weeks before the last election day)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- End of the deadline for submitting candidatures (Section 28 (1) HSWO 2014)</li> <li>- last opportunity to pass resolutions on the establishment of subcommittees and their spheres of activity (§ 10 para. 2 HSWO 2014)</li> <li>- Last date for the preparation of the ballot papers for the election of the university representatives and transmission to the election commission of the Austrian National Union of Students (§ 32 para. 2 HSWO 2014)</li> </ul>
<p>April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (three weeks before the first election day)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Last date for submitting the improvements of candidatures (§ 29 par. 3 HSWO 2014).</li> <li>- last date for withdrawal of candidature (§ 30 par. 1 and 3 HSWO 2014)</li> <li>- Last date for the announcement of the approved election proposals and candidatures (§ 32 para. 3 HSWO 2014)</li> <li>- Last date for arranging the printing of ballot papers; simultaneously with announcement (§ 44 para. 5 HSWO 2014)</li> <li>- last date for determining the number of mandates to be allocated for each body; simultaneously with the publication of the election proposals (Section 32 (5) HSWO 2014)</li> </ul>
<p>May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (two weeks before the first election day)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Last date for the announcement of voting times and polling stations (§ 33 para. 1 HSWO 2014)</li> </ul>

May 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 (one week before the first election day)	- End of the period for applying for an absentee ballot (Section 52 (1) HSWO 2014)
May 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 and/or May 15, 2021	- The election commissions or sub-election commissions at educational institutions pursuant to section 1(1)(2) to (5) HSG 2014 at which part-time studies or dual study programs are established shall be entitled to bring forward the first and/or the second election day to Friday or Saturday, respectively, of the week preceding the election (section 43(2) HSG 2014).
May 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 (one day before the first election day) or, in the case of early election days, May 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 or May 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2021.	- Last date for the production of paper-based electoral rolls (§ 21 HSWO 2014) May 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 - first election day May 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 or, in the case of early voting days, May 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 or May 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2021. - Last date for the constitution of the subcommittees (§ 10 para. 2 HSWO 2014) May 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 - second election day - Returned absentee ballots must be received by the Election Commission of the Austrian National Union of Students by 6:00 p.m. in order to be included in the determination of the results (§ 57 para. 1 HSWO 2014).
May 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	- third election day - first date for the announcement of the election results
May 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 (one week from the last election day)	- last date for the announcement of the election results (section 51 (4) HSG 2014 and section 63 (1) HSWO 2014) - last date for the allocation of mandates (section 51 (4) HSG 2014) - last date for notification of the elected; simultaneously with the announcement of the election result (section 51(4) HSG 2014 and section 64(1) HSWO 2014)
within three days after the announcement of the respective election results	- Last date of rejection of the election by the elected mandatary (§ 64 para. 1 HSWO 2014)
within two weeks from the announcement of the respective election results	- Possibility of objection against the election of the federal representation (§ 56 para. 2 HSG 2014)

	- Possibility of appeals against the elections of university representatives and student representatives (section 57(2) HSG 2014).
July 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2021	- Start of the new term of office (§ 8 para. 2, § 15 para. 3 and § 26 para. 2 HSG 2014)

### **Expiry**

§ 3 Upon promulgation of the Ordinance of the Federal Minister of Education, Science and Research on the Election Days of the Student Union Elections 2021, Federal Law Gazette II No. 110/2021, the Ordinance of the Federal Minister of Education, Science and Research on the Election Days of the Student Union Elections 2019, Federal Law Gazette II No. 34/2019, shall cease to have effect.