

# Labour leadership election timetable

Thursday

17  
MAY

**Deadline to submit nominations for candidates to succeed *Tony Blair* as Labour leader.** To appear on ballot paper, candidates must win backing of 45

Labour members of parliament, including themselves

Sunday

20  
MAY

First of at least 10 campaign-style hustings around country in which candidates explain their views and answer questions from Labour Party members

Friday

1  
JUNE

**Deadline to join Labour Party in time to be able to vote in contests**

Ballot papers sent out to 380 Labour MPs and MEPs as well as 200,000 party members and 3.2m members of affiliated trade unions who pay a political levy

Wednesday

6  
JUNE

**Blair tenders resignation to Queen Elizabeth, who then invites successor to form a government**

Friday

22  
JUNE

**Ballot closes for all parts of electoral college**

Result of ballot announced at leadership conference in Manchester.

***Gordon Brown*** (pictured above) is overwhelming favourite to succeed Blair

Sunday

24  
JUNE

Wednesday

27  
JUNE

