

2024 Capacity Auction Timelines

April 4, 2025

For the May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026 Commitment Period

Note: This document is provided for informational purposes only and outlines the timelines and key milestones that must be completed by prospective capacity auction participants to participate in the IESO’s Capacity Auction. As the information provided in this document is subject to change, the Pre-Auction Report and any revised and updated version of this document will prevail in case of any inconsistency with this document. Those who intend to participate in the auction are responsible for complying with all requirements under the Market Rules, Market Manuals (including Market Manual 12 – Capacity Auctions), and relevant policies, standards and procedures.

Table of Changes

Version #	Description of Change	Date of Change
1.0	Release of 2024 Capacity Auction Timelines	June 20, 2024
2.0	Corrected the Contributor Management Summer Period Date from 11-Apr-2025 to 9-Apr-2025	April 4, 2025

There are a number of key activity milestones that organizations must complete in order to participate in the Capacity Auction (CA). These are outlined below.

Legend

	Responsibility
	Participant Organization
	IESO
	Capacity Auction Participant (CAP)/Capacity Market Participant (CMP)

Pre-Auction Period

Process	Activity Milestones	Dates	Responsibility
Organization Registration	The suggested last date to start the process to register an organization ¹ Link to Register an Organization	2-Jul-2024	Participant Organization
CAP Authorization	The suggested last date to start the CAP authorization ² Link to Online IESO	26-Jul-2024	Participant Organization
CAP Authorization	Last day to complete CAP authorization ³	20-Sep-2024 by 04:00PM EST	Participant Organization
Reports Publication	Publish Pre-Auction Report Link to Pre-Auction Report	8-Aug-2024	IESO
Capacity Qualification	Request submission window	29-Aug-2024 to 27-Sep-2024	CAP
Capacity Qualification	Assessment window	30-Sep-2024 to 22-Oct-2024	IESO
Capacity Qualification	Release assessment results	23-Oct-2024	IESO
Capacity Qualification	Deposit submission window	23-Oct-2024 to 20-Nov-2024	CAP

Auction Period

Process	Activity Milestones	Dates	Responsibility
Conduct Capacity Auction	Offer submission window Link to Online IESO	27-Nov-2024 – 09:00 AM to 28-Nov-2024 – 11:59 PM EST	CAP
Reports Publication	Publish Post-Auction Report Link to Post-Auction Report	05-Dec-2024 by 04:00 PM EST	IESO

Forward Period (Summer 2025 & Winter 2025/26)

Process	Activity Milestones	Summer Period Dates	Winter Period Dates	Responsibility
Prudential and CMP Authorization for New Demand Response (DR) Resources				
Prudential Submission ⁴	Last day to post the capacity prudential support	13-Feb-2025	13-Aug-2025	CAP
CMP Authorization	The suggested date to start the Capacity Market Participant (CMP) authorization process	9-Dec-2024	16-Jun-2025	CAP
	Last day to complete CMP authorization	15-Feb-2025	15-Aug-2025	CAP
Prudential and CMP Authorization for Existing Resources				
Prudential Submission ⁴	Last day to post or update the capacity prudential support	23-Feb-2025	28-Aug-2025	CAP
CMP Authorization	The suggested date to start the Capacity Market Participant (CMP) authorization process	6-Jan-2025	14-Jul-2025	CAP
	Last day to complete CMP authorization	25-Feb-2025	30-Aug-2025	CAP
Resource and Contributor Registration				
Resource Registration	Last day to complete the resource registration process for a new DR resource ⁵	27-Feb-2025	29-Aug-2025	CMP

Process	Activity Milestones	Summer Period Dates	Winter Period Dates	Responsibility
Update Resource Attributes	Last day to change the attributes of an existing resource	27-Feb-2025	29-Aug-2025	CMP
Contributor Management	Last day to register or update contributors for virtual hourly DR resources in advance of the obligation period Link to Contributor Management Timelines	9-Apr-2025	14-Oct-2025	CMP
Other Deadlines				
Energy Trader Authorization	Last day to complete authorization as an energy trader if participating with a generator-backed capacity import resource	23-Feb-2025	28-Aug-2025	CAP/CMP
Obligation Transfer	Last day to submit a capacity obligation transfer request	11-Apr-2025	14-Oct-2025	CAP/CMP

Obligation Period (Summer 2025 & Winter 2025/26)

Process	Activity Milestones	Summer Period Dates	Winter Period Dates	Responsibility
Energy Market Participation	Obligation period	01-May-2025 – 31-Oct-2025	01-Nov-2025 – 30-Apr-2026	CMP
Energy Market Participation	Measurement Data Submission (MDS) for virtual hourly demand response resources (for months in which activated)	Link to MDS Timeline	Link to MDS Timeline	CMP
Capacity Test				
Self-scheduled Capacity Testing	Testing window for Generator-Backed Imports	01-May-2025 to 30-Jun-2025	01-Nov-2025 to 31-Dec-2025	CMP

Process	Activity Milestones	Summer Period Dates	Winter Period Dates	Responsibility
	Testing window for all other Capacity Auction resources	See IESO Advisory Notices page	See IESO Advisory Notices page	CMP
Self-scheduled Capacity Testing	Last date to submit capacity test data for Generator-Backed Imports	8-Jul-2025	08-Jan-2026	CMP
Self-scheduled Capacity Testing	Last date to submit test scheduling information for dispatchable load, capacity generation, physical hourly demand response, and capacity storage resources	See section 5.3.4 of MM12.0 – Capacity Auctions	See section 5.3.4 of MM12.0 – Capacity Auctions	CMP
	Last date to submit test scheduling information and MDS for virtual hourly demand response resources	See section 5.3.4 of MM12.0 – Capacity Auctions	See section 5.3.4 of MM12.0 – Capacity Auctions	CMP

Notes

¹ This applies to non IESO-registered organizations that plan to participate in the CA. This is a one-time registration requirement.

² This is a one-time authorization requirement.

³ Organizations must complete this milestone in order to participate in the CA.

⁴ Participants that cannot post or update their capacity prudential support by this date are encouraged to speak to the IESO to ensure their prudential support can be processed prior to the start of the obligation period.

⁵ Participants registering a new demand response resource must complete CMP authorization, including posting capacity prudential support, prior to finalizing resource registration. Refer to New Demand Response (DR) Resources section in the Forward Period table.