

2026 Capacity Auction Timelines

June 11, 2026

For the May 1, 2027 to April 30, 2028 Commitment Period

Note: This document is provided for informational purposes only and outlines key timelines and milestones that prospective Capacity Auction Participants must meet 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 the event of any inconsistency. Participants are responsible for ensuring compliance with all applicable requirements set out in 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 2026 Capacity Auction Timelines	June 11, 2026

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

Any suggested latest date to start an activity is provided for guidance to allow sufficient time for review and processing in advance of the deadline. Failure to complete the activity by the prescribed date may result in an inability of the participant to meet the registration requirements by the start of the applicable obligation period.

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 latest date to start the process to register an organization ¹ Link to Register an Organization	23-Jun-2026	Participant Organization
CAP Authorization	The suggested latest date to start the Capacity Auction Participant (CAP) authorization process to allow sufficient time for review and processing in advance of the deadline ² Link to Online IESO	22-Jul-2026	Participant Organization
	Last day to complete CAP authorization ³	18-Sep-2026 by 04:00PM EST	Participant Organization
Reports Publication	Publish Pre-Auction Report Link to Pre-Auction Report	16-Jul-2026	IESO

Process	Activity Milestones	Dates	Responsibility
Capacity Qualification	Request submission window	10-Sep-2026 to 25-Sep-2026	CAP
Capacity Qualification	Assessment window	28-Sep-2026 to 19-Oct-2026	IESO
	Release assessment results	20-Oct-2026	IESO
Capacity Qualification	Deposit submission window	20-Oct-2026 to 18-Nov-2026	CAP

Auction Period

Process	Activity Milestones	Dates	Responsibility
Conduct Capacity Auction	Offer submission window Link to Online IESO	25-Nov-2026 – 09:00 AM to 26-Nov-2026 – 11:59 PM EST	CAP
Reports Publication	Publish Post-Auction Report Link to Post-Auction Report	3-Dec-2026 by 04:00 PM EST	IESO

Forward Period (Summer 2027 & Winter 2027/28)

Process	Activity Milestones	Summer Period Dates	Winter Period Dates	Responsibility
New Demand Response Resources <i>Applies to demand response resources not previously registered</i>				
Prudential Submission ⁴	Last day to post the capacity prudential support obligation	18-Feb-2027	18-Aug-2027	CAP
CMP Authorization	The suggested latest date to start the Capacity Market Participant (CMP) authorization process ²	7-Dec-2026	7-Jun-2027	CAP
	Last day to complete CMP authorization	22-Feb-2027	20-Aug-2027	CAP

Process	Activity Milestones	Summer Period Dates	Winter Period Dates	Responsibility
Resource Registration	Last day to complete the resource registration process for a new demand response resource ⁵	25-Feb-2027	26-Aug-2027	CMP
Existing Resources <i>Applies to resources that are already registered</i>				
Prudential Submission ⁴	Last day to post or update the capacity prudential support obligation	2-Mar-2027	2-Sep-2027	CAP
CMP Authorization	The suggested latest date to start the Capacity Market Participant (CMP) authorization process ²	7-Dec-2026	7-Jun-2027	CAP
	Last day to complete CMP authorization	4-Mar-2027	7-Sep-2027	CAP
Update Resource Attributes	Last day to change the attributes of an existing resource	25-Feb-2027	25-Aug-2027	CMP
Other Deadlines				
Contributor Management (CM)	Last day to register or update contributors for virtual hourly demand response resources in advance of the obligation period Link to IESO Market Calendars webpage	Link to CM Timelines	Link to CM Timelines	CMP
Energy Trader Authorization	The suggested latest date to start the energy trader authorization process if participating with a capacity import resource	7-Dec-2026	7-Jun-2027	CAP/CMP
	Last day to complete authorization as an energy trader if participating with a capacity import resource ⁶	4-Mar-2027	7-Sep-2027	CAP/CMP
Obligation Transfer	Last day to submit a capacity obligation transfer request	13-Apr-2027	12-Oct-2027	CAP/CMP

Obligation Period (Summer 2027 & Winter 2027/28)

Process	Activity Milestones	Summer Period Dates	Winter Period Dates	Responsibility
Energy Market Participation	Obligation period	01-May-2027 to 31-Oct-2027	01-Nov-2027 to 30-Apr-2028	CMP
	Measurement Data Submission (MDS) for virtual hourly demand response resources (for months in which activated) Link to IESO Market Calendars webpage	Link to MDS Timelines	Link to MDS Timelines	CMP
Capacity Test				
Self-scheduled Capacity Testing	Testing window for generator-backed import resources	01-May-2027 to 30-Jun-2027	01-Nov-2027 to 31-Dec-2028	CMP
Self-scheduled Capacity Testing	Testing window for all other Capacity Auction Resources (CARs)	See IESO Advisory Notices page	See IESO Advisory Notices page	CMP
	Last date to submit capacity test data for generator-backed import resources	8-Jul-2027	07-Jan-2028	CMP
	Last date to submit capacity test data for dispatchable load, capacity generation, physical hourly demand response, and capacity storage resources	See section 5.3.5 of MM12: Capacity Auctions	See section 5.3.5 of MM12: Capacity Auctions	CMP
	Last date to submit capacity test data and MDS for virtual hourly demand response resources	See section 5.3.5 of MM12: Capacity Auctions	See section 5.3.5 of MM12: Capacity Auctions	CMP

Notes

¹ This applies to non IESO-registered organizations that plan to participate in the Capacity Auction. This is a one-time registration requirement and must be completed prior to starting the CAP authorization process.

² This is a one-time authorization requirement.

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

⁴ Participants that cannot post or update their capacity prudential support obligation 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 the 'New Demand Response Resources' section in the Forward Period table. Participants should refer to MM1.5 for other important deadlines regarding registering a new demand response resource.

⁶ Energy Trader Authorization includes posting physical market prudential support per Chapter 2 Section 5 of the Renewed Market Rules. Participants with a capacity import resource should complete the CMP authorization process after first becoming authorized as an Energy Trader. In these scenarios where both authorizations must be completed, CMP authorization must be completed before the first day of the obligation period.