



Post-Election Audit Deadlines

The Campaign Finance Act sets the following deadlines for the CFB to complete a campaign's Draft Audit Report and Final Audit Report. The deadline is calculated from the due date of the final disclosure statement for an election. For all elections, except some special elections, the final disclosure statement is due on January 15th following the election.

Office Sought	Deadline for Draft Audit Report	Campaign Attended Post-Election Audit Training?	Deadline to Complete Audit Process ¹
Mayor Public Advocate Comptroller	10 months	Yes	16 months
		No	18 months
Borough President City Council	8 months	Yes	14 months
		No	16 months

For example, if you are a City Council candidate in a regular election, you file your final disclosure statement on the January 15th following the election. You can expect your Draft Audit Report to be sent by September 15th and if you attend a post-election audit training, the audit process will be completed by the following March 15th.

However, the deadlines will be extended (in the Campaign Finance Act, this is called "tolling") if your campaign:

- submits a late response to a request for information;
- submits an inadequate response to a request for information;
- requests an extension to its response deadline; or
- consents in writing to an extended deadline.

You will be notified in writing if the deadline is extended for any reason. The deadline is extended from the date of the CFB's notice until an adequate response is received. If the CFB asks for and your campaign grants additional time to complete the audit, the deadline will be extended for the number of days agreed upon.

The deadlines do not apply if your audit raises issues of serious violations. These serious violations include potential campaign-related fraud, other potential criminal activity, activity that may result in a breach of certification, or potential significant violations of the spending limit.

¹ The audit process is completed when the CFB issues your Final Audit Report or when the CFB notifies your campaign of potential penalties and/or potential public funds repayment obligations.