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## UK Parliamentary general election: reminder of guidance and support

Further to our email communication of 30 October, following confirmation that a UK Parliamentary general election (UKPGE) will take place on 12 December, we wanted to provide a reminder of the guidance and support that's available from the Commission.

### Guidance and resources

The election timetable is available [here](#).

We have also produced a timetable for use at any local by-election where the poll is combined with the poll at the UKPGE, which is available [here](#).

Our core guidance for [\(Acting\) Returning Officers](#) and [candidates and agents](#) is also available on our website.

In addition, we have produced a [short guidance note](#) to highlight some key considerations for Electoral Registration Officers and (Acting) Returning Officers, particularly recognising the proximity of the poll to the publication of the revised registers and the specific circumstances of managing a poll in December.

Supporting resources for both (Acting) Returning Officers and candidates and agents are also available and can be found underneath the resources section of the relevant guidance part.

### Orders for polling station handbooks and quick guides

On 30 October, we sent an e-mail to all (Acting) Returning Officers with a link to an [online order form](#) for hard copies of polling station handbooks and quick guides.

The deadline for completing the online order form is **Monday 4 November**.

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Please note that once you have submitted your order form, you will not be able to amend your order yourself. If you need to make any changes to your order, please contact your [local Commission team](#).

We expect that delivery will commence from 22 November and should be completed that week. If you have not received your order by 2 December, please contact your [local Commission team](#).

A PDF version of the [handbook](#) and [quick guide](#) is already available and can be downloaded from our website.

### Management information survey

As highlighted in our e-mail of 30 October, we have developed a [short management information survey](#) seeking information around key aspects of how you will manage the poll in your area. The deadline for completion of the survey is **Friday 15 November**.

We appreciate that this comes at a busy time, so we have tried to make this as straightforward to complete as possible. The information you provide is vital to help build up a clear picture of the arrangements that have been put in place across Great Britain for the delivery of the UKPGE and will also provide key statistics which can be used with the media and other enquirers both reactively and proactively.

### Support from the Electoral Commission

We appreciate that this is a challenging time and we are grateful for all the hard work that you and your teams are once again putting in to ensure the delivery of a well-run election. If you have any questions, or if we can provide any further support, please contact your [local Commission team](#).

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### UK Parliamentary general election: public awareness update

The Commission will run a public awareness campaign ahead of the UK Parliamentary general election, launching at least two weeks before the voter registration deadline on Tuesday 26 November.

It will focus on electoral registration, leading with a repurposed version of our 'Got 5?' campaign.

We'll also be providing a variety of print and digital resources for local authorities and partners to share to spread our messages. These will be distributed via our Roll Call newsletter in the week before the campaign launch, and will also be available to download from [electoralcommission.org.uk](http://electoralcommission.org.uk).

More information will be included in the next edition of the Bulletin, and updates on our public awareness campaign will also be made available via Roll Call. If you aren't already subscribed, you can do so [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact [partners@electoralcommission.org.uk](mailto:partners@electoralcommission.org.uk)

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### UK Parliamentary general election: update on party names, descriptions and emblems

EA Bulletins are issued on a regular basis. They are one of our key channels for communicating with Returning Officers, Electoral Registration Officers and their staff. Past issues of Bulletins for England, Scotland and Wales are available [here](#). You can also [subscribe to the EA Bulletins](#).

Please [keep us informed](#) of any staff changes within your team. This will help us to keep our mailing lists up-to-date.

If there is a new RO/ERO appointment in your authority, please contact the team in Wales by e-mailing [infowales@electoralcommission.org.uk](mailto:infowales@electoralcommission.org.uk).

We are sending you this newsletter as it contains important information about the Electoral Commission's work which is relevant to you. The newsletter forms part of the Electoral Commission's public task which has its basis in the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000. We will manage your personal information and contact details in line with the General Data Protection Regulation and UK data protection legislation as outlined in our privacy notice (<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/privacy-notice>)

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, you may [unsubscribe](#) at any time.

[Part C of our guidance for \(Acting\) Returning Officers](#) sets out what the legislation provides for in relation to changes, deletions and additions of party names, descriptions and emblems.

Because of the short time until the poll, we are advising parties that we will not process any new applications submitted now to register a new political party, amend a party name, amend or add an emblem, or add a description in time for use on the ballot paper at the election.

We may, however, still make some changes where applications are already in progress. While we aim to make all updates to the online registers of political parties by Tuesday 12 November 2019, there remains the potential that we may need to make some further updates after that date.

As we've previously done, we will provide a list of any changes made to existing party names, descriptions and emblems that are made in time to take effect for the 2019 UK Parliamentary general election through the Bulletin. We will also include a list of any deregistered parties, and of any subsequent successful applications to re-register from deregistered parties.

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### **May 2020 polls: publication of guidance**

Further to [Bulletin 251](#), we have now updated and published Parts E and F of our core guidance for [Returning Officers](#) ahead of the scheduled Police and Crime Commissioner elections in May 2020.

The guidance hasn't changed significantly from previous years, with the updates principally being focussed around reflecting GDPR. The change log at the front of each guidance Part has been updated to reflect the amendments that have been made.

We are also making revisions to some supporting resources and to the candidate and agents guidance for the May 2020 PCC elections. We will update you in a future Bulletin when these are available.

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### **The Representation of the People (Annual Canvass) (Amendment) Regulations 2019**

[The Representation of the People \(Annual Canvass\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019](#) have now been made. These regulations, which make changes to annual canvass processes, apply to the UK Parliamentary register in Great Britain and the local government register in England.

Legislation will also need to be made in the Scottish Parliament and the National Assembly for Wales in relation to the local government registers in Scotland and Wales and we will update you of the progress on these regulations via a future Bulletin.

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