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May 2020 elections: update on party names, descriptions and emblems

Our guidance for Returning Officers at [local elections](#), [Police and Crime Commissioner elections](#) and [Greater London Authority elections](#) sets out what the legislation provides for in relation to changes to and deletions and additions of party names, descriptions and emblems.

For the May 2020 elections, we have advised on [our website](#) that registration applications received after Monday 10 February 2020 may not be processed in time to take effect for the May 2020 elections. We have also made clear that applications that did not contain the required statutory information before that date are also unlikely to be processed in time.

While we aim to make all updates to the [online registers of political parties](#) by 23 March 2020, there remains the potential that the register could still be updated after that date.

As we did ahead of last year's scheduled elections, we will therefore include regular updates in future Bulletins of changes, removals and additions which are made in time to take effect for the May 2020 elections.

In any case, when receiving nominations, you must check that the party name or any description given on a nomination form, as well as the requested emblem, is [registered with us](#) and that the details provided match the registration.

To ensure that you are viewing the most up-to-date information, you may need to delete your browser history or refresh the page. If you are unsure how to do this, your IT team should be able to advise you.

Should you have any questions about the registers, please do not hesitate to [contact us](#).

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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.

May 2020 elections: press release templates

To support local authorities ahead of the elections on 7 May, we have added a number of press releases to the [resources package](#) that you can download and use in your area.

The press releases are tailored for each of the regions in England, and include information on the various elections taking place in different areas. These can be a valuable resource for local authorities looking to explain to their residents what different elections will be taking place on 7 May.

UK Parliamentary general election: British Election Study request for marked electoral registers

As in 2015 and 2017, following the 2019 UK Parliamentary general election the Commission is working with the British Election Study to conduct research into electoral registration and turnout.

As part of this project, we will be collecting marked registers for a selected sample of constituencies. This request will be made under Regulation 117 of the Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001 (as amended). Further information will be provided directly to the selected areas.

If you have any questions about this work, please contact markedregisters@electoralcommission.org.uk.

Electoral registration: 2019 canvass data collection

The deadline for submitting canvass data has now passed. Thank you to all those who have already provided their data. There are, however, still a number of areas which have not yet submitted their data.

Once you have generated the report in your EMS system and reviewed the data, please submit it to CanvassData@electoralcommission.org.uk **as soon as possible**.

We will be collating and publishing the information that we receive so we ask that you please check your data after you generate the automated report and before you submit it to us in order to help ensure its accuracy.

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