

# electoral administration bulletin

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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. 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



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## May 2021 elections: publication of supplementary guidance

Further to our last update in [Bulletin 284](#), we have now published the third in our planned series of supplementary guidance to support electoral administrators with preparing for and delivering the May 2021 elections against the backdrop of the coronavirus pandemic. This document focuses on [managing the nominations process](#).

The guidance, which has been developed with the expert advice of our national public health bodies, and in consultation with the Wales Electoral Coordination Board (WECB), Wales Electoral Practitioners Working Group (WEPWG), Elections, Referendums and Registration Working Group (ERRWG), AEA, Solace, Cabinet Office and Welsh Government, supplements the [core guidance for EROs and ROs](#) by highlighting the additional challenges that you may face during the continuing public health situation to deliver the nominations process effectively.

In addition to our supplementary guidance for Returning Officers, we also plan to publish supplementary guidance for candidates, agents and political parties. This guidance will help them with understanding what they will need to do to navigate the election processes in the context of the pandemic and set out what they should expect, including in relation to the nominations process. We will confirm in a future Bulletin when this guidance is available.

As we have set out previously, the supplementary guidance documents will be living documents in recognition of the changing landscape and ongoing developments in public health advice and legislation affecting the polls. We will update them as and when there is additional information to add, and highlight when any changes are made through the EA Bulletin.

The WECB is also considering issuing occupational health and good practice recommendations over the coming months. We will confirm in a future Bulletin when this is available.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do contact [infowales@electoralcommission.org.uk](mailto:infowales@electoralcommission.org.uk) and we will be happy to help.

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## **New political literacy resources for young people in Wales and Scotland**

We've produced [a new set of political literacy resources](#) for young people in Wales and Scotland, to help them feel better prepared and more confident to engage with next year's Senedd and Scottish Parliament elections.

Topics include voter eligibility, ways to vote (in person, by post, by proxy), responsibilities of representatives and institutions, the voting systems in use for the polls, and more.

The resources include:

- Interactive webpages which young people can be directed to by educators or can access independently, with short videos and quizzes to test their new knowledge
- A handbook for educators, including information about voting and democracy, and activities and games to run with young people in formal and informal educational settings
- A handbook for young people which can be downloaded and printed so educators can share information about voting and democracy with their group

Please share these resources with relevant colleagues and interested schools or youth groups in your area.

If you have any questions about these resources, please contact [Ella Downing](#), Communications Officer (Wales).

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