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May 2021 Scottish Parliament election: guidance update

We have now updated our guidance for the May 2021 Scottish Parliament election to reflect the changes made by [The Scottish General Election \(Coronavirus\) Act 2021](#) relating to the deadline for postal vote applications and the date of dissolution of Parliament.

The updated guidance is contained within [Part D](#) of our guidance for Returning Officers and Parts [4](#) and [5](#) of our guidance for candidates and agents. Updates to the Returning Officer guidance are detailed in the change log at the beginning of the guidance.

We have also updated those supporting resources which have been impacted by the provisions of the Act.

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