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May 2021 elections: Cabinet Office delivery plan and legislative changes

On Friday (5 February), the UK Government confirmed its intention for the elections scheduled to take place in England on 6 May 2021 to go ahead. Alongside this announcement, the Cabinet Office published a [May 2021 polls delivery plan](#) which sets out the UK Government's approach to supporting the delivery of the polls.

As set out in the delivery plan, the UK Government is now bringing forward legislation to make changes to the nomination process in the context of the pandemic. A draft [statutory instrument](#) has been laid which includes provisions to reduce the number of subscribing electors that are required on a candidate nomination form for Police and Crime Commissioner, Combined Authority Mayoral and Local Authority Mayoral elections. The provisions are time-limited, and the rules would automatically revert back to the standard rules for the scheduled May 2022 elections.

The UK Government have confirmed that a further piece of legislation will be brought forward to make similar amendments for local government elections and the Greater London Authority elections.

We are currently working through the implications of the legislation on our guidance and supporting resources for Returning Officers and candidates and agents and will confirm the timeline for completing the range of necessary amendments in next week's Bulletin. In the meantime, we have temporarily removed links to the relevant nomination forms from our website to help prevent any confusion regarding the requirements to stand for election at the May polls.

As always, if you have any questions or require any further assistance, please do contact your [local Commission Team](#).

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Information on the Cabinet Office's delivery plan for the May polls and on legislative changes relating to nominations for those elections.

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