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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)

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### May 2021 elections: update on party names, descriptions and emblems

As per our approach to providing updates on changes made to party names, descriptions and emblems set out in [Bulletin 295](#), we can confirm that since [Bulletin 297](#), no updates have been made relating to parties who are registered to field candidates at elections in Wales.

We do not expect to make any further updates to the register in advance of the close of nominations for the May 2021 polls.

**When receiving nominations, Returning Officers must check that the party name or any description given on a nomination form, as well as the requested emblem, is registered on [the Commission's register of political parties](#) 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.

### Emblem Zip file

A Zip file of emblem images is available on our website and was last updated on 31 March 2021. You should not use any Zip files downloaded before this date for any purpose.

While the Zip file can be used by your printer to prepare ballot papers, it is the information on the Commission's register of political parties that should be used for confirming which emblem and description to print on the ballot papers. You should therefore ensure that you and your printers only download and use the Zip file once nominations have closed.

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

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