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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.

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 in line with the General Data



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May 2022 elections: accessible information resources

All households in Scotland will receive a voter information booklet ahead of the council elections, which explains how to register, how to apply for a postal or proxy vote, and how to complete their ballot paper.

To help ensure as many people as possible have the information they need to be able to participate in the elections, we have also published this information in a range of alternative formats, including:

- British Sign Language (BSL)
- Easy read
- Audio
- Polish
- Gaelic

Additionally, we have published a guide in partnership with RNIB Scotland, Sight Scotland and Guide Dogs Scotland, which explains the support blind and partially-sighted voters can expect at the polling place.

The resources are available to download [on our website](#). Please share these with colleagues and organisations in your local area.

Braille and audio CD versions of the voting guide are available on request by calling 0800 3 280 280.

If you have any questions about the resources, please email infoscotland@electoralcommission.org.uk.

May 2022 elections: update on party names, descriptions and emblems

[Our guidance for Returning Officers](#) 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 2022 polls, we have advised on [our website](#) that registration applications received after Friday 21 January 2022 may not be processed in time to take effect for the May 2022 elections. We have also made clear that applications that do not contain the required statutory information submitted 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 25 March 2022, there remains the potential that the registers could still be updated after that date.

As we have done previously, we will include regular updates in future Bulletins of changes made to existing party names, descriptions and emblems and of any new parties, up to the close of nominations.

In any case, 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 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.

Please [contact us](#) if you have any queries about the information contained on the registers.

Job vacancies at the Electoral Commission

We are currently recruiting for the following positions:

- Senior Adviser (Electoral Guidance)
- Regional Liaison Officer (Midlands)

The closing date for applications for the Senior Adviser (Electoral Guidance) role is Wednesday 23 March 2022. If you would like an informal discussion about the role, please contact Mark Pascoe, Electoral Registration Guidance Manager on 020 7271 0690.

The closing date for applications for the Regional Liaison Officer (Midlands) role is Sunday 27 March 2022. If you would like an informal discussion about the role, please contact Mel Davidson, Head of Support and Improvement on 020 7271 0552.

For further information or to apply, please visit the [recruitment page](#) of our website.

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