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May 2022 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 301](#), we can confirm that since then, no updates have been made relating to parties who are registered to field candidates at elections in Scotland.

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.

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

May 2022 elections: out-of-hours advice during the election period

We will once again be providing an out-of-hours telephone advice service to deal with urgent electoral administration queries in the run up to and immediately following the May 2022 polls, and we thought it would be helpful to remind you of how you can contact us.

Contacting us during normal office hours

We will be available between the hours of 08:30 and 17:30 throughout the election period to support you as usual.

If you are contacting us during normal office hours, please use our **Advice and Guidance Line: 0333 103 1928**.

Alternatively, you can email us at:

infoscotland@electoralcommission.org.uk

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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 Protection Regulation and UK data protection legislation as outlined in our privacy notice (<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/privacy-notice>)

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, you may [unsubscribe](#) at any time.

Contacting us outside of normal working hours

Our out-of-hours urgent advice service will be available from Monday 28 March and includes weekends and bank holidays throughout the election period. The evening service will be available from 17:30 until 21:00, with weekend and bank holiday cover being available from 10:00 until 16:00.

Additionally, there will be 24-hour cover available on polling day, and weekend cover on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 May.

We can be contacted out-of-hours by calling: 0131 225 0201.

May 2022 elections: public awareness update

Got 5 is live!

Our 'Got 5?' campaign is now live and will run up until midnight on 18 April – the registration deadline. Our channels include TV, video on demand (catch-up TV), radio, digital audio, digital display (website banners) and social media. This will also be supported by unpaid press, partnership and social media activity.

You can [download digital and print resources](#) to help raise awareness of the upcoming elections, registration deadline and different ways to vote.

Welcome to Your Vote is also live!

Our 'Welcome to Your Vote' campaign is now live and will run up until midnight on 18 April. We'll be reaching 16 and 17 year olds through Instagram and Snapchat advertising which will support partnerships, unpaid press and social media activity aimed at qualifying foreign nationals and 16 and 17 year olds.

You can [download digital and print resources](#) to help encourage qualifying foreign citizens and 16 and 17 year olds to register to vote.

Digital transparency campaign

We are once again running our [digital transparency campaign](#) ahead of the May elections which aims to encourage people to think more carefully about the political campaign advertising they see online. We want people to be confident about understanding [digital political campaigning](#); understand who is targeting them and why; and know how to take action if they see something that concerns them.

The campaign will run from 25 March – 4 May on Facebook and Instagram and is aimed at 18 – 24 year olds.

Press release templates are now live

We have produced four template press releases to help you share key information with voters about what they need to do at different stages ahead of polling day. These templates are designed so that you can adapt them to the elections taking place in your local area. Our templates cover:

- Voter registration – informing voters of upcoming elections and how they register to vote

- Two weeks until the registration deadline (4 April) – a reminder to register ahead of the approaching deadline
- One week until the registration deadline (11 April) – a further reminder of the approaching deadline for registering to vote
- Voter information – key information about accessibility and how to find your polling station. We recommend that you distribute this press release in the final week before polling day (28 April – 5 May)

You can [download the press release templates](#) and use them to help raise awareness of the May 2022 elections.

Job vacancies at the Electoral Commission

We are currently recruiting for the following positions:

- Guidance Officer (Electoral Guidance) – FTC until May 2024
- Senior Adviser (Electoral Guidance) – FTC until May 2024
- Regional Liaison Officer (Midlands)
- Senior Lawyer

The closing date for applications for the Guidance Officer (Electoral Guidance) role is 3 April. 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 either of these roles, 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.

The closing date for applications for the Senior Lawyer role is Wednesday 30 March. If you would like an informal discussion about the role, please contact Binnie Goh, General Counsel on bgoh@electoralcommission.org.uk.

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

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