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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



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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 324](#), below is a summary of the updates we have made since [Bulletin 327](#):

- [Independent Network \(GB\)](#)

The following party has been de-registered since the previous Bulletin:

- [The Phoenix Political Party](#)

You can find full details of what amendments have been made in our [list of recent decisions to approve or reject applied-for party names, descriptions and emblems](#).

We do not plan to make any further updates to the register in advance of the close of nominations for the May 2022 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 4 April 2022. **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.

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

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May 2022 elections: easy read guides for voters

Ahead of May's elections we have worked with partners to create [easy read guides for voters in England](#).

In partnership with Mencap, we have developed a series of easy read booklets to explain: what voting is, how to register to vote, the different voting methods, how to use each of the different voting methods and what to expect in the polling station. There is also a guide to mayoral elections for voters in areas that will be electing a mayor.

We have also worked with United Response, a charity which supports people with learning disabilities and autism, to produce two easy read guides on how to complete your ballot paper. These explain how to fill in both the local government and mayoral ballot papers and include sample ballot papers that voters can use to familiarise themselves with the layout of the ballot paper in advance of voting.

Job vacancy at the Electoral Commission

We are currently recruiting for a Senior Adviser – Performance Standards (Elections Bill) – FTC until May 2024.

The closing date for the post is Tuesday 12 April. If you would like an informal discussion about this 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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