

# electoral administration bulletin

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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

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## Consultation on draft performance standards for ROs and updated performance standards for EROs

We have today (14 June 2022) launched a [consultation on a new set of performance standards for Returning Officers and updated performance standards for Electoral Registration Officers](#).

The introduction of the Elections Act has provided a timely opportunity to review the RO performance standards, to ensure they support effective implementation of the Act's changes. We started developing the new standards last autumn, using the structure of the ERO framework as our basis.

During the development we have held discussions with small groups of ROs across Great Britain, as well as with the Wales Electoral Coordination Board and the Electoral Management Board for Scotland. The draft standards have also benefitted from input from the Association of Electoral Administrators, at an official level as well as through discussions around the high-level approach with members at their regional branch meetings. The draft standards have also been discussed with government officials and the elections leads at the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (Solace).

As the changes arising from the Elections Act will also affect the role of EROs, we are additionally consulting on changes to the current ERO framework which aim to ensure it reflects these new responsibilities.

We want both sets of standards, along with our guidance and support, to provide a robust framework for the delivery of well-run elections, support the effective and consistent implementation of legislative changes, and enable transparent reporting on delivery and good practice at a local level and across Great Britain.

### How to respond

The consultation will run until 26 August 2022 and you can respond by filling in [this form](#) or emailing your views to [performancestandardsinbox@electoralcommission.org.uk](mailto:performancestandardsinbox@electoralcommission.org.uk).

Throughout the consultation period we will also take the opportunity to seek views at the various scheduled meetings that we attend.

We have also scheduled a series of virtual drop in sessions which any groups or interested individuals can join to ask questions and provide feedback. These will be held on 29 June, 21 July and 5 August. Please [email us](#) if you wish to attend a session.

The feedback you provide will be used to inform the final standards and how they will be used.

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### Local Government (Disqualification) Act: guidance update

We have updated our [core guidance for candidates and agents](#) to reflect new disqualification provisions for local elections in England contained in the [Local Government \(Disqualification\) Act 2022](#).

The Act disqualifies individuals subject to certain sexual offence legal orders from standing for election or holding office in local authorities. The new disqualifications apply to those wishing to stand for election at the following polls in England:

- local government (principal area and parish)
- local authority mayoral
- combined authority mayoral
- Greater London Assembly
- London Mayoral

The Act comes into effect on 28 June 2022, and a disqualification under these provisions will only apply to a person who is subject to any relevant notification requirements or relevant order made on or after that date.

[Secondary legislation](#) has also been made to amend the relevant consent to nomination forms, which comes into force on 29 June 2022. We are updating the consent to nomination form for each poll and will update you in a future Bulletin when these are available.

If you have any queries on this, or need any further support, please contact your [local Commission team](#).

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### Job vacancies at the Electoral Commission

We are currently recruiting for the following positions:

- Senior Adviser – Improvement (Fixed term until May 2024)
- Election Guidance Manager (permanent)

The closing date for applications for the Senior Adviser – Improvement role is Sunday 19 June. If you would like an informal discussion about this role, please contact Amy Symons, Improvement Manager on 020 7271 0516.

The closing date for applications for the Election Guidance Manager role is Thursday 30 June. If you would like an informal discussion about this role, please contact Charlene Hannon, Head of Guidance on 020 7271 0587.

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>)

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