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Elections Act: guidance update

Further to [Bulletin 316](#), we have now published new [core guidance for EROs](#) to support the Voter Authority Certificate application process, which we expect to be launched in January 2023.

The guidance covers the requirements for electors to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate or an Anonymous Elector's Document, how you should process and determine applications, and information on the production and delivery of Certificates and Documents.

It has been developed in close consultation with colleagues from across the electoral community, including the Association of Electoral Administrators (AEA), Scottish Assessors Association (SAA), Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (Solace), the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) and the Elections, Registration and Referendums Working Group (ERRWG).

We have also published an updated version of [our key planning considerations guidance](#). The latest updates cover the allocation of electors and staff to polling stations, our public awareness campaign and the production of covering envelopes for poll card letters.

Full details of the changes can be found in the change log at the start of the guidance. We will continue to keep this guidance under review as more details about the implementation of the Elections Act emerge, and will update you through the Bulletin when any further updates are made.

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