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Guidance for candidates and agents

We have now published our [guidance for candidates and agents for the Police and Crime Commissioner elections in May 2024](#). The guidance, which is available in web-based, HTML format, reflects changes introduced by the Elections Act 2022, including the new commonly used name requirements, postal vote handling measures and the updated undue influence and intimidation offences.

We have also published updated guidance for candidates and agents at UK Parliamentary general elections in [Great Britain](#) and in [Northern Ireland](#). Our guidance for candidates and agents at UK Parliamentary by-elections is still to be updated into HTML format. We expect this to be completed later this month, and it continues to be available in PDF format in the interim.

The guidance also reflects changes to the spending limits for candidates at UK Parliamentary elections, which are now in force. Increases to candidate limits at PCC elections are expected to come into force later this month; we will then update our guidance for PCC candidates accordingly.

As always, we will notify you through the Bulletin when any further updates to the guidance and additional resources are published.

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