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Guidance for candidates and agents

We have now published our guidance for candidates and agents for the scheduled polls 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.

Guidance is available for each of the following election types:

- [Combined Authority Mayoral elections](#)
- [Greater London Authority elections](#)
- [Local authority mayoral elections](#)
- [Local government elections](#)
- [Parish council elections](#)
- [Police and Crime Commissioner elections](#)

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 and English local government 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.

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

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