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Updates to canvass forms to bring them in line with Elections Act changes.

The Elections Act 2022 introduced a number of changes to our suite of forms. We have now updated our canvass communications to reflect changes to postal and proxy voting rights and EU citizens voting rights.

These changes are seen in the following sections:

- Who is eligible to vote – the wording has been adapted to reflect the changes we made to the wording in the Invitation to Register (ITR) forms;
- Postal and proxy votes – the forms now acknowledge the changes made to postal and proxy voting rights by dividing the columns, where applicable, for which election members of the household wish to vote in; and
- The privacy statements – these have been updated to have similar wording to the ITR forms.

The full suite of forms have undergone consultation across all governments in Great Britain and have received Ministerial approval.

All of the canvass communications we produce are prescribed in law – as such both the content and layout must not be changed by EROs or any suppliers they use to support their electoral registration activity. This also applies to the ITR templates we have published on our website (as detailed in [bulletin 345](#)) which also must not be amended.

The updated canvass communications are available [here](#). Our forms and letters guidance provides further details on how to use all of our suite of materials, including whether or not they are legally prescribed. Should you have any questions please contact us using the details below.

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Vacancy: Regional Liaison Officer - North of England

We are looking for someone to be part of our home-based regional staff to provide support to the Regional Manager (North of England) in ensuring the effective delivery of Commission priorities across the region. A particular focus for the role is working in partnership with other teams across the Commission to improve the quality of electoral services.

If you are interested in this role please visit our website; <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/jobs> to download the job description and person specification, before applying online.

The closing date for applications is 5 June 2024.

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