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Electoral registration: guidance update

We have now updated our core guidance for Electoral Registration Officers to reflect the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the specific circumstances of the 2018 canvass. The full suite of core guidance is available on [our website](#), with detailed guidance on managing the canvass provided in [Part 3](#).

Supporting resources are now being finalised and will be made available on a rolling basis over the next two weeks. The resources will continue to be linked to from within the core guidance and can also be accessed from the resources section underneath the relevant guidance part.

We have also been working to update our suite of voter registration forms to include GDPR messaging. Once they have been approved by the relevant UK and Scottish Ministers, we will finalise the forms and make them available on a rolling basis. We will update you on their availability in future Bulletins.

As set out in [Bulletin 197](#), there are additional provisions in the Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 and the Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 that only take effect from 1 July (covering areas such as amendments to the deletions process), and our guidance for EROs will be further updated to reflect these changes. We will confirm in a future Bulletin when this has been completed.

Anonymous registration

As set out in [Bulletin 197](#), the Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 and the Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 make changes to the provisions for anonymous registration, which take effect from 1 April 2018.

Our guidance on anonymous registration, contained in Part 4: [Maintaining the register throughout the year](#), has been updated to reflect these changes. The [anonymous registration application](#) form has also been updated, and now contains a template attestation that applicants may use. The form will be available from 1 April when the new provisions take effect.

We have also worked with Scottish Women's Aid to produce [a guide](#) to anonymous registration for professionals working with survivors of domestic violence.

Job vacancy at the Electoral Commission

We are currently recruiting for an Electoral Guidance Manager, to be based in our London office. The deadline for applications is 23:45 on 8 April 2018.

If you would like further information or would like to apply, please visit the [recruitment page](#) of our website.

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