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If there is a new RO/ERO appointment in your authority please contact the team in Wales by e-mailing infowales@electoralcommission.org.uk.

We are sending you this newsletter as it contains important information about the

Electoral registration: nationals of the Gambia

Further to [Bulletin 206](#), we can now confirm that [The British Nationality \(The Gambia\) Order 2018](#) came into force on 22 June 2018. This legislation amends Schedule 3 of the British Nationality Act 1981.

This means that Gambian nationals resident in the UK are now qualifying Commonwealth citizens with rights to register and vote at UK elections.

You will therefore need to ensure that any new applications you have received since 22 June from Gambian nationals are processed accordingly.

We have updated [Part 2](#) of our guidance for EROs and relevant supporting resources to reflect this change.

Happy National Democracy Week – a reminder about resources to promote voter registration

We're halfway through the inaugural National Democracy Week. It's a great time to encourage people to register to vote.

To help with this you can [use our resources](#) including social media images and copy. If you're starting your annual canvass you'll find images and copy to promote this and also a [template press release](#).

We hope you and your communications team find these helpful.

Reminder of a job vacancy at the Commission

As set out in [Bulletin 216](#), we are currently recruiting for a Senior Adviser - Electoral Guidance. The deadline for applications is 23:45 on 8 July.

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

For an informal discussion about the role, please contact Martin Lord, Head of Guidance, on 020 7271 0542.

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