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Information about updates to our guidance to reflect legislative changes relating to candidates' home addresses.

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Candidates' home addresses: legislation and guidance update

Further to [Bulletin 231](#), legislation removing the requirement for candidates to have their home address published on the ballot paper and statement of persons nominated at principal area elections and parish council elections has now been made and will apply for all principal area and parish council elections held in England on or after 2 May 2019.

The amendment rules are available to download from the legislation.gov website, and can be accessed from the following links:

- [The Local Elections \(Principal Areas\) \(England and Wales\) \(Amendment\) \(England\) Rules 2018](#)
- [The Local Elections \(Parishes and Communities\) \(England and Wales\) \(Amendment\) \(England\) Rules 2018](#)

We are currently updating our guidance for Returning Officers and candidates and agents to reflect the above legislation. We are also updating those resources that are affected by the legislation, such as nomination packs and notices. The updated nomination packs will be published by the end of next week. We will publish the remaining guidance and resources on a rolling basis and will complete this by the end of January. We will confirm via a future Bulletin once this work has been completed.

The Statutory Instruments that will remove the requirement for candidates standing at Combined Authority Mayoral and local mayoral elections have been laid in the UK Parliament, but still need to be approved. Once they have been approved we will publish the updated guidance and resources for those polls, and will confirm in a future Bulletin when this has been completed. In the interim we have added an information box to our website to highlight the proposed changes to legislation and to make users aware that the guidance may change for any polls taking place in May 2019.

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