

# Preparing for a UK Parliamentary general election and beyond

## Electoral Commission bulletins

We issue bulletins on a regular basis with a summary of key messages to Returning Officers, Electoral Registration Officers, their staff and other stakeholders, [subscribe](#) to the EA Bulletin for regular updates. This bulletin will highlight when we publish or update new guidance and resources. A [library of past EA bulletins](#) is also available.

## Reports, guidance and resources

Following the EMB / EC Conference on 6 October 2023, key reports, guidance and resources in relation to each of the topics covered are noted for your reference.

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### The roles & responsibilities of the RO & ERO

- Roles and responsibilities of the [Returning Officer](#) (RO)
- [Performance Standards for ROs](#)
- Roles and responsibilities for the [Electoral Registration Officer](#) (ERO)
- [Performance Standards for EROs](#)

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### Preparing Scotland for the next UKPGE and implementation of the Elections Act 2022

- [Guidance for Returning Officers administering a UK Parliamentary election](#)
  - Key considerations for the implementation of [Tranche 1 of the Elections Act 2022](#) (PDF)
  - Key considerations for the implementation of [Tranche 2 of the Elections Act 2022](#) (PDF)
  - [Running Electoral Registration – Scotland](#) (updated guidance with EA 2022 transitional arrangements)
  - Registration forms and letters – [Voter ID forms](#)
  - Democratic engagement resources - [Voter ID](#)
  - Voter ID at the May 2023 local elections in England: [interim analysis](#)
  - [Report on the May 2023 local elections in England](#)
  - [Overview of the Elections Act 2022](#)
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## Constituency boundary changes and implications

- [Reviews of polling districts, polling places and polling stations](#)
- [Considerations for ROs administering a UKPGE in cross-boundary constituencies](#) (PDF)
- [Working with the Electoral Registration Officer](#)
- [Data protection guidance for Electoral Registration Officers and Returning Officers](#)

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## Preparing for a UKPGE – Electoral fraud and integrity

- [Guidance on preventing and detecting electoral fraud in Scotland](#) (PDF)
- [Police pocket guide](#) (PDF)
- RO UKPGE guidance - [Maintaining the integrity of the election](#)
- [Identifying suspicious registration applications](#)
- [Identifying suspicious absent vote applications](#)
- National Cyber Security guidance – [Guidance for local authority IT teams in elections](#)
- [Electoral fraud data](#)
- [Electoral fraud resources](#): Your vote is yours alone
- [Reporting electoral fraud](#)
- [Joint guidance on intimidation of candidates](#) (PDF)
- [Guidance for election candidates in Scotland](#) – Police Scotland (PDF)

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## Capacity building & resilience (workshop)

- RO UKPGE guidance – [Planning for the election](#)
- [EA bulletins](#) – updates on key messages for electoral administrators
- [Performance Standards for ROs](#)
- [Performance Standards for EROs](#)
- [Template project plan](#) for electoral administration (XLSX)
- [Template risk register](#) for electoral administration (XLSX)

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## Accessibility

- Guidance for Returning Officers - [Assistance with voting for disabled voters](#)
- [Making your mark](#) – design guidance for electoral administrators (PDF)
- [Designing voter materials](#)
- Democratic engagement resources: [Voter information resources](#)\*

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## And beyond the UKPGE

- Scottish Government's [consultation on Electoral Reform](#)
- [Findings from the Scottish Government's consultation on Electoral Reform 2022/23](#)

\* We're currently updating our resources to support disabled people, including those with a learning disability and/or autism, to vote. These resources will be available in a range of accessible formats, and will be published in due course

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