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The following guidance has been produced to support Electoral Registration Officers

(ERO's) in planning for and delivering the annual canvass. It has been developed in

close consultation with colleagues across the electoral community including the The

Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, the Association of s (AEA), the

Scottish Assessors Association (SAA), the Elections, Registration and Referendums

Working Group (ERRWG) and the Welsh Electoral Practitioners Working Group (WEPWG). It

reflects the ERO's legal obligations and what we, the AEA, the SAA and the ERRWG

believe that EROs should expect of their staff in planning for and delivering the

annual canvass. The guidance is directed towards the ERO and the duties they carry

out. As these duties may, in practice, be carried out by deputies and/or appointed

staff, we use the term 'you' throughout this guidance to mean the ERO and whoever is

carrying out the ERO's functions on their behalf. Throughout this guidance we use

'must' to refer to a specific legal requirement and 'may / should' for recommended

practice. The guidance has been produced based on, and should be read in accordance

with, the requirements set out in section 9D of the Representation of the People Act

1983 and in the Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001.

The endnotes in this guidance refer to the relevant provisions that have been amended

by The Representation of the People (Annual Canvass) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 and

The Representation of the People (Annual Canvass) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations

2020. To help you use this guidance we have produced a Q&A document that should

answer any initial queries you may have. [Questions and answers document for the new](#)

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