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Disqualification Act 2022 came into effect on 28 June 2022. The Act disqualifies
individuals subject to certain sexual offence legal orders from standing for election
or holding office in local authorities. We have updated Part 1 of our guidance for
Candidates and Agents to reflect this. Secondary legislation has also been made to
amend the relevant consent to nomination forms and this came into force on 7 July
2022. We have updated the consent to nomination forms available below to reflect
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Scottish Parliamentary elections You are in the section Home Guidance and resources for candidates and their agents at the Scottish Parliamentary election We have issued supplementary guidance to support candidates and agents participating in polls during the coronavirus pandemic: Supporting candidates and agents - May 2021 polls - Scotland (DOC) If you have any questions, please contact your local Commission team . An overview document gives instructions on how to use this guidance and who does what at these elections: Candidate guide overview - Scottish Parliamentary election (PDF) We have produced a timetable with all of the relevant deadlines for the 6 May 2021 Scottish Parliamentary election which can be viewed here: Election timetable for Scottish Parliamentary elections (DOC) We have also produced a document for people who want to know the basics about elections, the roles of different organisations and where to find more information. Introduction to elections Access to Elected Office Fund Inclusion Scotland run an Access to Elected Office Fund Scotland that provides financial assistance to disabled candidates standing for election to help with the extra costs they may incur as a result of their disability. For more information about applying for a grant from the Access to Elected Office Fund Scotland, see Inclusion Scotland .

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Parliamentary general election (PDF) We have also produced a document for people who
want to know the basics about elections, the roles of different organisations and
where to find more information. Introduction to elections We have produced a
timetable with all of the relevant deadlines for the 12 December UK Parliamentary
general election in Great Britain which can be viewed here: Timetable for UK
Parliamentary general election - Thursday 12 December 2019 Guidance about harassment
and intimidation Robust political debate is part of a healthy democracy, but
sometimes things can go too far. The National Police Chiefs Council, working with the
Crown Prosecution Service and the Electoral Commission, have produced two guidance
documents for candidates and campaigners, to help you understand when behaviour goes
beyond political debate and may be unlawful. There is a short guide called 'When
things go too far' which provides general advice, and a longer 'Joint guidance for
candidates in elections' which provides more detail as to the nature of possible
offences. If you feel that behaviour towards you may be unlawful or are concerned for
your safety or that of others, you should always contact the police. Joint Guidance
on Intimidation for Candidates in Elections Guidance for Election Candidates in
Scotland Northern Ireland If you are a candidate or agent in Northern Ireland you
should refer to our Guidance for candidates and agents at the UK Parliamentary
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If you are looking for guidance on standing for election in Northern Ireland please visit the Electoral Office for Northern Ireland website. Visit the Electoral Office for Northern Ireland website Notional spending update Elections Act Under the Elections Act 2022, two changes have been made to the legislation on candidate spending rules: Definition of 'use on behalf a candidate' in notional spending Making payments for local campaigning The changes came into force on 24 November 2022. For more details, please see Understanding changes to the spending rules . Candidate and agent advice surgeries Candidate and agent advice surgeries We are running advice surgeries for candidates and agents to answer your questions on the spending and donation rules and completing your candidate spending return. The surgeries will take place in May and June after close of nominations and after polling day. If you would like to book a slot please complete this form . Pre-election seminars Our pre-election seminars have now taken place. The presentation slides are available below. Pre-Elections Seminar Presentations Guidance about harassment and intimidation Guidance about harassment and intimidation Robust political debate is part of a healthy democracy, but sometimes things can go too far. The Police Service of Northern Ireland, working with the Public Prosecution Service, the Electoral Office for Northern Ireland and the Electoral Commission, have produced a guide for candidates standing in local elections, to help you understand when behaviour goes beyond political debate and may be unlawful. This guide is called 'Joint Guidance for Candidates in Elections - When it goes too far'. If you feel that behaviour towards you may be unlawful or are concerned for your safety or that of others, you should always contact the police. Joint Guidance for Candidates in Elections - When it goes too far Guidance Candidate spending at Northern Ireland local government elections This part covers: The types of election spending The regulated period What candidate spending is Managing candidate spending Splitting candidate spending Recording and reporting spending Spending and Donations - Local elections in Northern Ireland Click here to view resources for Guidance: Candidate spending at Northern Ireland local government elections Candidate imprints factsheet: UK Parliamentary elections, and elections in England Wales and Northern Ireland Return of candidate spending for the Northern Ireland local government elections (PDF) Return of candidate spending for the Northern Ireland local government elections (Excel) Explanatory notes: Return of candidate spending (NI) Declaration by a candidate as to election expenses at the Northern Ireland local government elections (PDF) Declaration by an election agent as to election expenses at the Northern Ireland local government elections (PDF) Local government elections in Northern Ireland s41 NPC return and declaration

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Candidates and Agents to reflect this. Secondary legislation has also been made to
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FAQs for elections postponed from May 2020 to May 2021

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Guidance and resources Candidates and agents standing at Parliamentary by-elections in the UK have to follow rules set out in law regarding their election spending, and the donations and loans they can accept towards campaigning. This page contains all the guidance and resources that you need to comply with those rules if you are a candidate or agent in a UK Parliamentary by-election in Great Britain. Click here to view guidance on standing at a UK Parliamentary by-election in Northern Ireland An overview document gives instructions on how to use this guidance and who does what at these elections. Read the overview (PDF) We have produced a generic timetable for a UK Parliamentary by-election (DOC) which includes the statutory deadlines. You can obtain a copy of a specific by-election timetable from the Returning Officer.

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Notional spending update Elections Act Under the Elections Act 2022, two changes have been made to the legislation on candidate spending rules: Definition of ‘use on behalf a candidate’ in notional spending Making payments for local campaigning The changes came into force on 24 November 2022. For more details, please see Understanding changes to the spending rules .

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Candidate guide overview - UKPGE Northern Ireland (PDF) We have also produced a

document for people who want to know the basics about elections, the roles of different organisations and where to find more information. Introduction to elections

We have produced a timetable with all of the relevant deadlines for the 12

December UK Parliamentary general election in Northern Ireland which can be viewed

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December 2019 Guidance about harassment and intimidation Robust political debate is

part of a healthy democracy, but sometimes things can go too far. The National Police Chiefs Council, working with the Crown Prosecution Service and the Electoral

Commission, have produced two guidance documents for candidates and campaigners, to

help you understand when behaviour goes beyond political debate and may be unlawful.

There is a short guide called 'When things go too far' which provides general advice,

and a longer 'Joint guidance for candidates in elections' which provides more detail

as to the nature of possible offences. If you feel that behaviour towards you may be

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The Local Government Disqualification Act 2022 came into effect on 28 June 2022. The Act disqualifies individuals subject to certain sexual offence legal orders from standing for election or holding office in local authorities. We have updated Part 1 of our guidance for Candidates and Agents to reflect this. The Local Authority and Greater London Authority Elections (Nomination of Candidates)(Amendment)(England) Rules 2022 have also been made, which amends the relevant consent to nomination forms. This came into force on 29 June 2022. If you have any questions please contact London Elects . An overview document gives instructions on how to use this guidance and who does what at these elections. Read the overview: [Candidate guide overview - Greater London Authority elections](#) We have also produced a document for people who want to know the basics about elections, the roles of different organisations and where to find more information. [Introduction to elections](#)

Notional spending update

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