

Elections 2024: Voter ID and more

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"Have you ever felt like you wouldn't be able to deliver a successful election, or like there was a threat to delivering a successful election?"

"I would say probably every election for the last 10 years, and I'm not joking."

Electoral administrator in 2023 LGiU voter ID report



Online absent vote applications

Live since 31 October 2023 – postal and proxy votes

Polls in England, Police and Crime Commissioner England and Wales, Recall and UK Parliamentary by-elections/general election GB wide

National system with Agile development approach



Absent voting changes



January 2024

Postal vote fresh application every three years, with identity verification needed



May 2024

Political parties and campaigners banned from handling postal votes



May 2024

Limit on number of postal votes handed in by an individual



May 2024

Electors only allowed to act as proxy for up to four people, no more than two `domestic'





Overseas electors

- Applies to UK general elections only
- 15-year limit removed from 16 January
- Can use previously registered address, or area last lived in if never registered
- Registration lasts three years
- Up to 3.5m may be eligible

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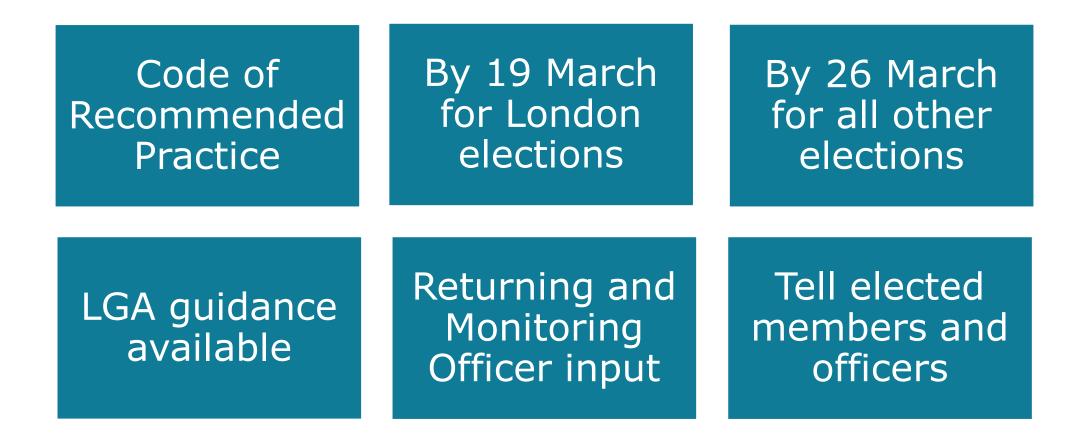
2024 scheduled elections

| 2 May scheduled polls | Number of councils | |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Principal councils | 107 in England | PCC and Mayors now first past the post Combined poll counts Monday 6 May bank holiday |
| Police and Crime Commissioners* (PCC) | 270 in England and Wales | |
| Combined Authority Mayoral* (CAM) | 47 in England | |
| Mayor of London and Greater London Authority | All London Boroughs plus City of London | |

Plus local by-elections or referendums



Pre-election period: 2 May 2024



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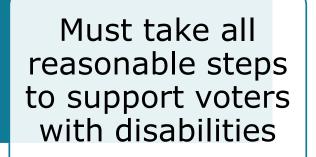


Voter ID

- Reserved polls in GB only
- 2024 a first for many areas
- Electoral Commission resources
- VAC deadline: 5pm on 24 April
- Local knowledge is key
- GLA resources #NoVoteNoVoice



Accessibility



Electoral Commission guidance Work with local charities and networks





Ongoing issues

- Polling station staff recruitment
- Polling station venues
- Abuse towards candidates
- Mis/disinformation
- Potential for protests





UK Parliamentary general election

- By 28 January 2025
- 25 working day timetable
- Counts and media interest
- New constituency boundaries

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But wait, there's more

EU citizen voting and candidacy rights

Scotland and Wales reform

New digital imprints regime

New 'family voting' legislation Electoral reform after general election?

POLLING STATION

Village

Hall

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