

# Elections

## Edinburgh 2026

### NOTICE OF ELECTION

## Scottish Parliament election

### for the Edinburgh and Lothians East Region

1. An election is to be held for **seven** members to serve in the Scottish Parliament for the Edinburgh and Lothians East Region.
2. Nomination papers can be obtained from the office of the Regional Returning Officer, Election Office, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh EH1 1YJ ([elections@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:elections@edinburgh.gov.uk)) during the times stated below.
3. Nomination papers must be delivered to the Regional Returning Officer at the Election Office, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1YJ between the hours of 10am and 4pm on any working day after the date of this notice but no later than **4pm on Wednesday 1 April 2026**.
4. The £500 deposit can be paid by legal tender, debit card or by means of a banker's draft from a drawer which carries on business as a banker in the United Kingdom. It is preferred that payment is made by direct bank transfer of funds. Bank account details will be provided on request.
5. If the election is contested the poll will take place on **Thursday 7 May 2026**.
6. Applications to register to vote must reach the relevant Electoral Registration Officer by 12 midnight on **Monday 20 April 2026**. Applications can be made online: <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>.
7. Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes must reach the relevant Electoral Registration Officer at the address below by 5pm on Tuesday 21 April 2026.
8. Applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the relevant Electoral Registration Officer at the address below by 5pm on Tuesday 28 April 2026.
9. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election can be made after the 28 April deadline on the grounds of:
  - a. disability suffered after that deadline (or, for applicants who suffered a disability before the deadline, their disability meant that they could not reasonably have made an application in time)

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- b. the need to accompany an individual to attend medical care or treatment arising after that deadline
- c. being detained in a hospital under the civil sections of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 arising after that deadline
- d. work/service reasons arising after that deadline
- e. Scottish prisoners serving a sentence of 12 months or less arising after that deadline
- f. circumstances that mean the appointed proxy cannot reasonably be expected to vote in person at the polling station arising after that deadline.

Applications must reach the relevant Electoral Registration Officer at the address below by 5pm on Thursday 7 May 2026.

Electoral Registration Officer	17a South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 9FL	<a href="http://www.lothian-vjb.gov.uk">http://www.lothian-vjb.gov.uk</a> 0131 344 2500
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Dated: 16 March 2026

**PAUL LAWRENCE**  
Regional Returning Officer for the Edinburgh and  
Lothians East Region