

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Scottish Parliamentary Election

For the Midlothian South, Tweeddale & Lauderdale Constituency

1. An election is to be held for a Constituency Member to serve in the Scottish Parliament for the Midlothian South, Tweeddale & Lauderdale Constituency.
2. Nomination papers can be obtained from the office of the Constituency Returning Officer, Council Headquarters, Newtown St. Boswells, Melrose, TD6 0SA, during the times stated below or can be download from www.scotborders.gov.uk.
3. Nomination papers must be delivered to the Constituency Returning Officer at Council Headquarters, Newtown St. Boswells, Melrose, TD6 0SA, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on any working day after the date of this notice but no later than **4pm on Wednesday 31 March 2021**. Due to Coronavirus restrictions please call 01835 825005 to arrange an appointment.
4. If the election is contested the poll will take place on Thursday 6 May 2021.
5. Applications to register to vote must reach the relevant Electoral Registration Officer (contact details below) by 12 midnight on **Monday 19 April 2021**. Applications can be made online: <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>.
6. The £500 deposit can be paid by BACs Transfer, or by means of a banker's draft from a drawer which carries on business as a banker in the United Kingdom. You can also make a debit/credit card payment by phoning 01835 826770 but only during the dates and times for lodging Nominations. If you wish to pay by bank transfer, please contact the Elections Office for more details.
7. Applications or amendments of postal votes must reach the relevant Electoral Registration Officer at the address below by **5pm on Tuesday 6 April 2021**.
8. Cancellation of postal votes must reach the relevant Electoral Registration Officer by **5pm on Tuesday 20 April 2021**.
9. Applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the relevant Electoral Registration Officer at the address below by **5pm on Tuesday 27 April 2021**.

10. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election, i.e made after the 27 April deadline on the grounds of; 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), work/service reasons, following Scottish Government advice or the advice of a medical professional in relation to coronavirus, being detained in a hospital under the civil sections of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 or for Scottish prisoners serving a sentence of 12 months or less, must reach the relevant Electoral Registration Officer at the address below by 5pm on Thursday 6 May 2021. To apply on the grounds of work/service, the person must have become aware that they cannot go to the polling station in person after 5pm on Tuesday 27 April 2021.

Contact details of Electoral Registration Officers in the constituency		
Council area covered by the Electoral Registration Officer	Address	Contact details
Midlothian	Lothian Valuation Joint Board 17A South Gyle Crescent Edinburgh EH12 9FL	0131 344 2500 enquiries@lothian-vjb.gov.uk
Scottish Borders	Old School Building, Council Headquarters, Newtown St. Boswells, TD6 0SA	01835 825100 ero@scotborders.gov.uk

Dated: 15 March 2021

Rob Dickson, Constituency Returning Officer