

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Scottish Parliament Election

For the Midlothian North Constituency

1. An election is to be held for a Constituency Member to serve in the Scottish Parliament for the Midlothian North constituency.
2. Nomination papers can be obtained from the office of the Constituency Returning Officer, Election Office, Midlothian Council, 29 Normandy Court, Dalkeith, EH22 1GJ during the times stated below.
3. Nomination papers must be delivered to the Constituency Returning Officer at Election Office, Midlothian Council, 29 Normandy Court, Dalkeith, EH22 1GJ 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. If the election is contested the poll will take place on **Thursday 7 May 2026**.
5. 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>.
6. The £500 deposit can be paid by legal tender or by means of a banker's draft from a drawer which carries on business as a banker in the United Kingdom. Payment may also be made by debit or credit card or by the electronic transfer of funds which should be pre-authorised by the Constituency Returning Officer.
7. Applications, amendments or cancellation 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)

- 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**.

Contact details of Electoral Registration Officer(s) in the constituency			
Electoral Registration Officer	Midlothian North Constituency	17A South Gyle Crescent Edinburgh EH12 9FL	Contact details: E Mail: enquiries@lothian-vjb.gov.uk Telephone: 0131 344 2500

16 March 2026
The Constituency Returning Officer