

# **#SP2021 – today is the last day to register to vote**

**People living in Scotland have until midnight on Monday 19 April to register to take part in the vote on Thursday 6 May.**

The deadline to apply for a proxy vote is 5pm on 27 April 2021.

Additional hygiene and distancing measures will be in place on polling day for voter and staff safety. Voters are being encouraged to check they are on the electoral roll with just a few weeks until the 2021 Scottish Parliament Election.

Residents must be registered in order to have their say on Thursday 6 May. Anyone aged 16 and over including foreign citizens can register to vote in this election.

While most people who registered to vote in the last UK Parliamentary General Election will still be eligible to take part in the Scottish Parliament Election in May, first time voters or anyone who has since moved house will need to make sure they are on the electoral roll ahead of the registration deadline on Monday 19 April.

1. Andrew Kerr, Chief Executive of the City of Edinburgh Council and Returning Officer for the Edinburgh constituencies and the Lothian Region, said: “This is the final week to make sure you’re registered to have your say on 6 May. No matter where you were born, if you’re aged 16 or over and you live in Scotland you can vote in the Scottish Parliament Election.” We are keen to

continue the enthusiasm demonstrated by voters during the UK Parliamentary Election in 2019 and even our recent by-election in Craigentenny/Duddingston when we had the same range of safety measures in place. Anyone unsure about how to register or where to vote can find more information on the Council website.”

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/elections>