



## **AEA initial statement on 12 December 2019 general election – published at 10pm on 29 October 2019**

Subject to approval by the House of Lords, our members will be administering a general election on 12 December 2019.

The delivery of a second unscheduled national poll in just nine months will not be without its challenges, but electoral administrators and Returning Officers have already been preparing for this election in their usual dedicated and professional manner.

Our members have been actively working on provisional polling station bookings, alerting temporary staff and working with printers to agree orders for poll cards and postal vote packs. Election teams will now be working extended hours across seven-day weeks to make sure that the polls on 12 December and subsequent counts go smoothly.

As always, we will be working with our partners at the Cabinet Office, Electoral Commission, Royal Mail and more widely to ensure that our members are kept fully supported and up to date.

As postal vote packs cannot be printed until candidate nominations close in the middle of November, it may be prudent for UK voters living overseas to consider setting up a proxy vote to have someone they trust vote on their behalf on 12 December.

We would also advise voters who have moved address recently or turned 18 since the European elections in May, to register to vote as soon as possible at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)