

Introduction to Electoral Services 2021



Aim

To provide an overview of the work of electoral services teams, including elections and electoral registration.

Objectives

1. Give delegates a broad understanding of the responsibilities of the electoral registration officer (ERO), the returning officer (RO) and the council.
2. Examine the electoral registration process, including the annual canvass and year-round registration.
3. Explore key events in an election timetable and the work involved in running successful polls.
4. Ensure delegates know key terms that apply to elections and electoral registration to help their broader understanding.

Who is this course for?

- Those who have just joined the profession and require a broad overview.
- Staff supporting an ERO in electoral registration during the canvass or on the lead up to an election.
- Staff supporting a RO to deliver an election.
- Senior council staff responsible for the electoral services team
- Anyone wanting to increase their understanding of the role of electoral services

Course overview

You will cover areas including:

- What do electoral services do the other 364 days a year?
- What governs the work that electoral services teams do?
- The role of the ERO and RO.
- Electoral registration – overview, registration deadlines, registration throughout the year, the annual canvass and publishing the register.
- Elections – including cycles of elections, nominations and ballot papers, polling stations and staffing, different methods of voting, postal votes, polling day, the count and post-election responsibilities.
- The benefits of a whole council event approach.

The course will be delivered online using a mixture of presentation material, handouts and example documentation. Group discussion will take place to enable the sharing of knowledge, experience and ideas. A practical exercise will be undertaken to draw out and reinforce key points.

Each course runs from 10:00 until 16:00 with breaks for lunch and for tea and coffee.

Dates and venues

16 November 2020

Online – via Microsoft Teams

Cost

First delegate	AEA member – £296 (plus vat) With member support fund discount £200 (plus vat)
Second delegate from the same authority	AEA member – £149 (plus vat) With member support fund discount £100 (plus vat)
Subsequent delegates from the same authority*	AEA member – £149 (plus vat) With member support fund discount £50 (plus vat)
Non-member	Non-member – £386 (plus vat)

Non-members who would like to join the Association can apply for membership online at www.aea-elections.co.uk/join

*If delegates from the same authority would like to attend this course on different dates/at different venues please clearly indicate this on the booking form.

Cancellation

If you cannot attend you may send a substitute in your place, otherwise the following cancellation charges apply:

- Less than two weeks before the event 100%.
- Less than four weeks before the event 60%.
- More than four weeks before the event £20.

If a course is cancelled for any reason within the AEA's control, a full refund or credit will be made.

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