

Party Election Broadcasts: The BBC's criteria for allocation - 2017

This document sets out the BBC's eligibility and allocation criteria for PEBs for the following elections on 4 May 2017:

1. In England – Local government elections
2. In Wales – Local government elections
3. In Scotland – Local government elections

Threshold Criteria for PEBs

To qualify for one PEB in the relevant nation, a political party must be registered with the Electoral Commission and satisfy the following criteria:

English local government elections

A registered political party must stand candidates in a minimum of one sixth of the seats being contested in the English local government elections. Qualification entitles a party to a PEB in England.

Welsh local government elections

A registered political party must stand candidates in a minimum of one sixth of the seats being contested in the Welsh local government elections. Qualification entitles a party to a PEB in Wales

Scottish local government elections

A registered political party must stand candidates in a minimum of one sixth of the wards being contested in the Scottish local government elections. Qualification entitles a party to a PEB in Scotland.

Criteria for Additional PEBs in England, Wales and Scotland

A registered political party which meets the threshold criteria in the relevant nation may qualify for additional PEBs if it can demonstrate substantial levels of past and/or current electoral support in that nation.

Electoral Commission

As is required by section 11(3) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000, the criteria for the allocation of PEBs were sent to the Electoral Commission for comment.

Any representations regarding the provisional allocation should be made to the Chief Adviser, Politics.