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SL(6)761 – The Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 and the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Act 2024 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2026

Procedure: Senedd annulment procedure

These Regulations make minor, technical amendments to secondary legislation in consequence of:

1. the renaming of the National Assembly for Wales to Senedd Cymru or the Welsh Parliament by the Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020; and
2. changes made to the Senedd electoral system by the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Act 2024 (in particular, the removal of redundant references to electoral regions).

Parent Act: Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020, Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Act 2024

Date Made: 05 February 2026

Date Laid: 09 February 2026

Coming into force date: 01 April 2026



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SL(6)762 – [The Traffic Signs \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Regulations and General Directions 2026](#)

Procedure: Senedd annulment procedure

This instrument amends the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 (“TSRGD 2016”) in relation to Wales. The TSRGD 2016 sets out what traffic signs in Wales must look like, what they mean and how they may be placed and illuminated.

The instrument amends the TSRGD 2016 so that in specified circumstances some of the requirements for zebra crossings set out within it will not apply. The instrument permits highway authorities to omit the zig zags (controlled area) and illuminated beacons (Belisha beacons) where a zebra crossing is placed on a minor road within 5 metres of the junction with a major road, and the speed limit on both roads is 20 mph or lower.

Parent Act: Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

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SL(6)764 – [The Representation of the People \(Removal of the Edited Register\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2026](#)

Procedure: Senedd approval procedure

As part of the introduction of electoral registration without applications, under the changes made by the Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Act 2024 (“the 2024 Act”), these Regulations disapply the requirements in the Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001 (“the 2001 Regulations”) placed upon Electoral Registration Officers to prepare edited registers of local government electors for an area in Wales or supply such registers or part of them to any person on payment of a fee.

Section 72(5)(d) of the 2024 Act states that prior to electoral registration without application being rolled out across Wales, the provisions of Chapter 2 of Part 1 of that Act which relates to electoral registration without applications may not be commenced until the requirements to prepare and supply an edited register of local government electors for an area in Wales are no longer in force.

Regulations 3 and 5 of these Regulations remove the requirements contained in regulations 93 and 110 of the 2001 Regulations for Electoral Registration Officers to publish an edited version of the local government register for an area in Wales and make it available for public inspection and sale.

Regulation 4 of these Regulations makes consequent provision disapplying requirements in relation to notifying a registration officer of change to edited register preference, which will no longer be required with respect to registers of local government electors for areas in Wales after the coming into force of these Regulations.

Regulation 6 requires a registration officer responsible for a register of local government electors for an area in Wales to cease to make available, for public inspection and sale, the edited version of that register that is in force at the time of the coming into force of these Regulations.

Parent Act: Representation of the People Act 1983

Date Made:

Date Laid:

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SL(6)767 – [The Local Elections \(Wales\) \(Amendment\) Rules 2026](#)

Procedure: Senedd approval procedure

The Local Elections (Wales) (Amendment) Rules 2026 (“the Amendment Rules”) amend the rules for the running of local government elections in Wales, the Local Elections (Principal Areas) (Wales) Rules 2021 and the Local Elections (Communities) (Wales) Rules 2021, together referred to as “the 2021 Rules”.

The 2021 Rules were fully redrafted and modernised in 2021, and the Amendment Rules make only necessary and technical changes to the 2021 Rules to take account of changes to policy and other legislation.

The main policy changes effected by the Amendment Rules include amending wording in the prescribed forms required as a result of the Local Elections (Principal Areas) (Single Transferable Vote) (Wales) Rules 2023 (“the STV Rules”) and small improvements identified in the preparation of the STV Rules. Further changes made in the Senedd Cymru (Representation of the People) Order 2025 (“the Conduct Order”) are also taken account of in the Amendment Rules, such as accessibility provisions.

The changes are summarised as follows:

- Welsh language requirements,
- Updating prescribed forms,
- Accessibility equipment duty,
- Joint descriptors,
- Working digitally,
- Use of schools and public rooms,
- Filling casual vacancies in town and community councils: “six month rule” correction, and
- Corrections and minor amendments.

Parent Act: Local Government Act 1972, Representation of the People Act 1983

Date Made:

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SL(6)768 – [The Childcare Act 2006 \(Local Authority Assessment\) \(Wales\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2026](#)

Procedure: Senedd annulment procedure

The Childcare Act 2006 (Local Authority Assessment) (Wales) Regulations 2016 require local authorities assess the sufficiency of childcare in their areas, develop an action plan setting out what steps are required to improve access and report annually on progress.

These Regulations amend the 2016 Regulations in particular they—

- require action plans prioritise steps to take and set a time for completion;
- require a further action plan is published with each annual report; and
- introduce a new Schedule 1, which sets out what matters must be contained in an assessment, in order to simplify and streamline the assessment process.

Parent Act: Childcare Act 2006

Date Made: 09 February 2026

Date Laid: 10 February 2026

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SL(6)770 – [The Welsh Language \(Wales\) Measure 2011 \(Amendment of Schedule 6\) Order 2026](#)

Procedure: Senedd approval procedure

The Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 (“the Measure”) makes provision for the specification of standards of conduct in relation to the Welsh language.

Schedule 6 to the Measure sets out:

- (i) bodies who are liable to be required to comply with Welsh language standards, and
- (ii) which classes of standards are potentially applicable to each body.

This Order amends the Measure by inserting Community Housing Cymru into Schedule 6 and specifying classes of standard which can be applied to that body.

Parent Act: Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011

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