



## Ofcom list of larger parties

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1. This document sets out the definition of “larger parties” as applies to Section Six of the Ofcom Broadcasting Code<sup>1</sup> and the Ofcom rules on Party Political and Referendum Broadcasts<sup>2</sup>.
2. Ofcom will periodically review the definition of “larger parties”, taking account of relevant evidence, such as changes in the electoral landscape, across a range of elections.
3. At present in England and Wales, larger parties are defined as: the Conservative Party; the Labour Party; the Liberal Democrats; and the UK Independence Party.
4. In addition, larger parties in Wales include Plaid Cymru.
5. The larger parties in Scotland are: the Conservative Party; the Labour Party; the Liberal Democrats; and the Scottish National Party.
6. The larger parties in Northern Ireland are: the Alliance Party; the Democratic Unionist Party; Sinn Fein; the Social Democratic and Labour Party; and the Ulster Unionist Party.
7. In addition to the above, in England the larger parties for the purposes of the London Assembly and London Mayoral elections taking place on 5 May 2016 include the Green Party.

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<sup>1</sup> See <http://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/broadcasting/broadcast-codes/broadcast-code/elections/>

<sup>2</sup> See <http://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/binaries/broadcast/guidance/ppbrules.pdf>