

Candidates and Agents Pre-nomination Briefing

Hull City Council Local Government Elections
Thursday 7 May 2026

Topics

- who's who
- local electoral arrangements
- key dates of the election timetable
- qualifications
- disqualifications
- nominations
- agents
- postal votes
- candidate spending
- contacts

Who's who

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- Returning Officer - **Matt Jukes** (Chief Executive of Hull City Council)
- Electoral Services Manager - **Jess Clifford-Wilkinson**
- Head of Democratic/Governance Services – **Alex Holgate**

- Local electoral arrangements**
- Hull City Council – election by thirds
 - 19 wards have single vacancy elections
 - Thursday 7 May 2026
 - No local elections in **Ings** and **Kingswood** wards

Hull Election Cycle

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Year	Type	Retirement
2019	By-thirds (excluding Bricknell and University wards)	Ward Cllrs with third most votes in 2018
2020	By thirds – elections postponed to 2021 due to Covid-19	
2021	(scheduled fallow year) Re-scheduled from 2020 - by thirds	Ward Cllrs with second most votes in 2018
2022	By-thirds (excluding Ings and Kingswood wards)	Ward Cllrs with most votes in 2018
2023	By-thirds (excluding Bricknell and University wards)	Cllrs elected in 2019
2024	By-thirds (excluding Central and Pickering wards)	Cllrs elected in 2021
2025	Fallow year	
2026	By-thirds (excluding Ings and Kingswood wards)	Cllrs elected in 2022

Election timetable

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Publication of notice of election	Monday 23 March
Nominations commence	Between 10am and 4pm from Tuesday 24 March (but not Good Friday 3 April or Easter Monday 6 April)
Close of nominations	4pm on Thursday 9 April
Deadline for the notification of appointment of election agent	4pm on Thursday 9 April
Publication of statement of persons nominated	Friday 10 April
Deadline for applications to register to vote	Midnight on Monday 20 April
Deadline for receiving new postal vote and postal proxy applications, and for changes to existing postal or proxy votes	5pm on Tuesday 21 April
Deadline for receiving new applications to vote by proxy (not postal proxy or emergency proxies)	5pm on Tuesday 28 April
Deadline for applications for a Voter Authority Certificate	5pm on Tuesday 28 April

Election timetable (continued)

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Publication of notice of poll/situation of polling stations	Tuesday 28 April
Deadline for notification of appointment of polling and counting agents	Wednesday 29 April
First date that electors can apply for replacements for lost postal votes	Thursday 30 April
Polling day	7am to 10pm on Thursday 7 May
Deadline to apply to vote by proxy on grounds of medical emergency or if unexpectedly called away because of employment or service	5pm on Thursday 7 May
Verification and count	Following close of poll - Thursday 7 May
Return of election expenses	Thursday 11 June if result is declared on Thursday 7 May, Friday 12 June if result is declared on Friday 8 May

Qualifications

- Candidates must satisfy criteria on the day they are nominated **and** on polling day:
 - be at least 18 years of age
 - be a British, qualifying Commonwealth citizen, or national of an EU member state.
- Also **at least one** of the following:
 - Registered local government elector for Kingston upon Hull authority area
 - Occupied as owner or tenant any land or premises in the Kingston upon Hull during the whole 12 months preceding nomination
 - Principal or only place of work (including unpaid) during last 12 months in Kingston upon Hull
 - Lived in Kingston upon Hull local authority area during the last 12 months

Disqualifications

A person **cannot** be a candidate if they:

- are **employed by the local authority** or hold a paid office under the authority (including joint boards or committees). Candidates may be ‘employed by the local authority’ if they work at certain schools, fire services, police or health services
- are subject of a **Bankruptcy Restrictions Order** (or interim restrictions order) in England or Wales
- have been sentenced to a term of **imprisonment** of three months or more (inc. suspended sentence) without option of a fine, during the 5 years before polling day
- are serving a disqualification due to being found guilty of a **corrupt or illegal practice** by an election court
- hold a **politically restricted post**
- are subject to the notification requirement of the **Sexual Offences Act 2003**

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Submission of Nominations between **Tuesday 24 March – Thursday 9 April (10 am to 4pm)**

Excluding: Good Friday 3 April & Easter Monday 6 April

- The documents that must be submitted are:
 - the nomination form (1a)
 - Home address form (1b parts 1 and 2)
 - Candidate's consent to nomination (1c)
- Party candidates will also need to submit:
 - Certificate of authorisation (2)
 - Request for a party emblem (3)
- Candidates who wish to appoint an election agent will need to submit:
 - the Notification of an election agent (4)

If no agent is appointed, the candidate will become their own agent by default

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- Take care when completing your nomination papers, as mistakes may invalidate your nomination
- Complete nomination papers early and arrange for us to provide an informal check
- The nomination form, home address form and consent to nomination **must be delivered by hand** to the Electoral Services Officer at the Guildhall between 10am and 4pm and cannot be submitted by post, fax, email or other electronic means.
- Appointments to submit nominations are strongly recommended.
- “Drop offs” accepted but only directly to the Elections Office staff and will not be considered formally submitted until we have confirmed with you.

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Local government election in England		Date received	Time received	Initials	No
ELECTION OF A COUNCILLOR for the					
LONGHILL AND BILTON GRANGE				ward of the	
district of		Kingston upon Hull			
Date of election:		4 May 2023			

Ward

Electoral area in which you wish to stand.

Candidate's Details	
Candidate's surname	Mr/Mrs/Miss/ Ms/Dr/Other
Other forenames in full	
Commonly used surname (if any)	
Commonly used forenames (if any)	
Description (if any) Use no more than six words (see note 5)	

We, the undersigned, being local government electors for the said ward, do hereby assent to the foregoing nomination				
	Signature	Print name	Electoral number	
			Polling District	Elector Number
Proposer				
Secunder				

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Candidate's Details

Candidate's surname	SMITH	Mr/Mrs/Miss/ Ms/Dr/Other
Other forenames in full	ANDREW JOHN	
Commonly used surname (if any)		
Commonly used forenames (if any)		
Description (if any) Use no more than six words (see note 5)		

Candidate Details

Full name - include middle names

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Other forenames in full	ANDREW JOHN	
Commonly used surname (if any)	SMITH	
Commonly used forenames (if any)	ANDY	
Description (if any) Use no more than six words (see note 5)		

Candidate Details

Optional: use commonly used name box(es)

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Candidate Details

Used on statement of persons nominated, notice of poll and the ballot paper.

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Declaration will show both full and commonly used names

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Description

This is what will appear under the candidate's name on the ballot paper

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Description

Party Candidates -
Use party name or
description authorised by a
certificate issued by or on
behalf of the party's
Nominating Officer
This must exactly match
what is registered with the
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Description

Independent candidates can add 'Independent' or leave blank

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Subscribers

Signatures of two registered electors (known as subscribers) from the ward.

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Subscribers

Only ask subscribers to sign **after** completing the name, address and description fields on the form.

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Subscribers
Must sign & print their names. Check details of subscribers against electoral register.

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	Signature	Print name	Electoral number	
			Polling District	Elector Number
Proposer	<i>A Browne</i>	ANNE BROWNE	LB3E	123
Seconder	<i>Gary Thomas</i>	GARY THOMAS	LB4E	45/1

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Subscribers

Data protection requirements – ensure subscribers are aware of what their personal data will be used.

Commonly used name

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- Commonly used name(s)
- You must complete your full name on the nomination form
If you:
- commonly use a surname or forename that is different from any other surname or forename you have
- use one or more forenames or surname in a different way from the way they are stated on your nomination form
- you may state your commonly used name(s) on your nomination form in addition to your full names and can ask for your commonly used name(s) to be used instead.
- For example, you may be known by your abbreviated name 'Andy', rather than your full first name 'Andrew'. In that case, you can write 'Andy' into the commonly used forename box on the nomination paper if you would rather that name appear on the ballot paper. You can request to use a commonly used forename, surname or both.

- Any commonly used name(s) would then appear on:
 - the statement of persons nominated
 - the notice of poll, and
 - the ballot papers
- The Returning Officer (RO) will disallow commonly used names that:
 - are likely to mislead or confuse electors
 - or are obscene or offensive.³
- If the name(s) are not permissible, the RO will write to you stating the reason for rejection. In those cases, your actual name will be used instead.
- If the commonly used forename or surname box on the nomination paper is left blank, then your actual forename or surname will be used.

When collecting subscriber information, you should point out what the information will be used for. You should explain that the information will be shared with RO and will appear on election notices.

Data protection legislation applies to the processing of all personal data. Please contact the [Information Commissioner's Office \(Opens in new window\)](#) for further information about how the current data protection legislation may affect you as a candidate.

1b – Home address form		Office use only			
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		ward of the			
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You must complete Part 1

Only complete Part 2 if you do not wish your home address to be made public

Part 1: To be completed by all candidates in England	
Full name of candidate	
Home address (in full)	
Qualifying address: Add your qualifying address, or qualifying addresses (in full) to each of the relevant qualifications below (you can complete more than one qualification).	
Qualifications that apply (tick those which apply)	Address
(a) I am registered as a local government elector for the area of the district named above	
(b) I have during the whole of the preceding 12 months occupied as owner or tenant land or other premises in the area named above	
(c) my principal or only place of work during the preceding 12 months has been in the district named above	
(d) I have during the whole of the preceding 12 months resided in the district named above	
Witness details	
Full name of the person who will witness the candidate's consent to nomination form	
Full home address of the person who will witness the candidate's consent to nomination form	

1b Home Address Form

Allows candidate to choose if they do not wish for their home address to be made public. E.g. on the ballot paper and Statement of Persons Nominated.

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Home Address Form Part 1

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Part 1: To be completed by all candidates in England	
Full name of candidate	
Home address (in full)	
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Full name of candidate	ANDREW JOHN SMITH
Home address (in full)	
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Name of candidate

Full name (not commonly used name)

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Part 1: To be completed by all candidates in England	
Full name of candidate	ANDREW JOHN SMITH
Home address (in full)	6 Stone Villas, High Street, Hull HU1 2AB
Qualifying address: Add your qualifying address, or qualifying addresses (in full) to each of the relevant qualifications below (you can complete more than one qualification).	
Qualifications that apply (tick those which apply)	Address
(a) I am registered as a local government elector for the area of the district named above	
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Home address

In full, without abbreviations

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Full home address of the person who will witness the candidate's consent to nomination form	

Qualifications

your qualifying address, or, where you have declared on your consent to nomination that you meet more than one qualification, your qualifying addresses

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Qualifying Addresses
your qualifying address,
or, where you have
declared on your consent
to nomination that you
meet more than one
qualification, your
qualifying addresses

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Witness details	
Full name of the person who will witness the candidate's consent to nomination form	BERYL CRAVEN
Full home address of the person who will witness the candidate's consent to nomination form	72 Brooke Road, Hull HU11 4BD

Witness Details

the full name and the home address in full of the witness (must be the person who witnesses the Candidate's Consent to Nomination form – 1c)

Part 2: To be completed only if you do not wish your home address to be made public.	
Note: Please submit this part (part 2) of the home address form with your nomination papers, even if your home address is to be made public.	
If you request that your home address is not made public then your address will not appear on the statement of persons nominated, notice of poll or the ballot paper. Instead the name of the relevant area in which your home address is situated (or country, if outside the UK), as explained below, will appear on the statement of persons nominated, notice of poll and the ballot papers.	
Statement: I require my home address not to be made public	
The relevant area my home address is situated in:	(insert name of relevant area) ²
OR	
My home address is situated outside the UK. My home address is situated in:	(insert name of country)
Signature of candidate (only required where Part 2 above has been completed)	
Candidate's signature:	
Date:	

Deliver both Parts 1 and 2 with the nomination paper to the Returning Officer by no later than 4pm on the last day to deliver nominations

² the name of the "relevant area" in which your home address is situated (if your home address is in the UK)

- **For home addresses in England:**
 - o if the address is within a district for which there is a district council, that district;
 - o if the address is within a county in which there are no districts with councils, that county;
 - o if the address is within a London borough, that London borough;
 - o if the address is within the City of London (including the Inner and Middle Temples), the City of London; and
 - o if the address is within the Isles of Scilly, the Isles of Scilly
- **For home addresses in Wales:**
 - o if the address is within a county, that county;
 - o if the address is within a county borough, that county borough
- **For home addresses in Scotland:**
 - o the local government area in which the address is situated
- **For home addresses in Northern Ireland:**
 - o the local government district in which the address is situated

Note: The relevant area should be given in the format described above and is not the ward or parish, nor should the local authority name be given in full

1b Home Address Form Part 2

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 - o if the address is within a London borough, that London borough;
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Statement: I require my home address not to be made public	
The relevant area my home address is situated in:	(insert name of relevant area) ²
OR	
My home address is situated outside the UK. My home address is situated in:	(insert name of country)
Signature of candidate (only required where Part 2 above has been completed)	
Candidate's signature:	
Date:	

Deliver both Parts 1 and 2 with the nomination paper to the Returning Officer by no later than 4pm on the last day to deliver nominations

² the name of the "relevant area" in which your home address is situated (if your home address is in the UK)

- **For home addresses in England:**
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Instead of home address, 'Address in [relevant area]' will appear under your name on the ballot paper and notices e.g. **(Address in Kingston upon Hull)**

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 Full name

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 Which ward standing in
 e.g. **Longhill and Bilton Grange.**

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Must include:

confirmation of qualification(s) that apply - at least 1 but select all that apply). **Leave boxes blank and cross out the ones which do not apply.**

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Signature:	<i>A J Smith</i>		
Date of consent:			

Witness: I confirm the above-mentioned candidate signed the declaration in my presence.

Witness (name in full):	
Witness's signature:	

1c Consent to nomination form

Must include:

Candidate's date of birth & signature

Candidates **must not** sign the form if they are not qualified to stand.

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Signature:	<i>A J Smith</i>		
Date of consent:	16th March 2023		
Witness: I confirm the above-mentioned candidate signed the declaration in my presence.			
Witness (name in full):			
Witness's signature:			

1c Consent to nomination form

Must include:

Date of consent - can't be signed earlier than one month before close of nominations (i.e. 9 March)

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Witness (name in full):	BERYL CRAVEN
Witness's signature:	<i>B Craven</i>

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Must include:

Name and signature of witness.

The candidate's signature must be witnessed and the witness must sign this form (must be the person whose details have been entered onto part 1 of form 1b)

Certificate of authorisation (Form 2)

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- Party candidates must have written permission to use the party name/description from the Nominating Officer (or a person authorised to act on their behalf)
- The certificate may:
 - allow the use of the party name or a particular description
 - allow candidate to choose whether to use the party name or any of the descriptions registered with the Electoral Commission
- Use either Electoral Commission form or Certificate from the Party
- Must be submitted by **4pm 9 April**

Emblem request form (Form 3)

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- Party candidates can ask for an emblem to be printed on the ballot paper
- The use of a specific or selection of emblems is sometimes incorporated with Certificate of Authorisation
- Emblem request form must be submitted by 4pm 9 April
- Party candidates should supply an electronic version of the emblem to the Returning Officer if required

Joint candidates

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- Nominated by **more than one party**
e.g. Labour and Co-operative Party
- May use registered joint descriptions
 - must be supported by certificate of authorisation **from each party**
- May use one emblem of one of the parties but there are no joint emblems

Election agent

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- Responsible for the proper management of your election campaign; particularly its financial management.
- Notification of appointment must reach the RO by **4pm 9 April**
- Form is included in nomination pack.
- You will become your own agent by default if none is appointed.

If a candidate acts as their own agent and does not provide an office address, even if they choose for their home address not to be made public as a candidate, the home address must be published on the Election Agents notice

Other agents

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- Other agents can be appointed to attend postal vote openings, polling stations and the count on your behalf:
 - You must give notice in writing of any people appointed as polling and counting agents by 29 April.
 - The appointment of postal voting agents attending a particular opening session must be made before the start of the session.
 - Further details will be supplied to candidates and agents on submission of their nomination paper

Access to electoral register/absent voting lists

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Electoral register

- Candidates are entitled to a free copy of the register for ward you are contesting.
- Make **written** request to the ERO – forms are available.

Absent voting lists

- Make **written** request to the ERO – forms are available.
- Can have postal, proxy or both lists

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- Only use electoral data for permitted purposes
 - to complete the nomination form
 - to help you campaign
 - to check that donations/loans are permissible
 - Registers can be returned to Electoral Services after the election for secure disposal.

Registration



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- As a candidate you are uniquely placed to encourage people to register to vote.
- You should encourage people to register as soon as possible.
- The deadline for applying to register for the election is **20 April**
- Individuals can apply to register online at <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>. It only takes a few minutes.

Options for Voting

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- Electors can now apply for a postal or proxy vote online:
www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote
www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote
 - You should encourage people to apply as soon as possible.
 - The deadline for applying for a postal vote is **21 April 5pm**
 - The deadline for applying for a proxy vote is **28 April 5pm**
 - Electors wishing to vote in person but do not have a suitable form of ID can apply online for a Voter Authority Certificate
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate>
- Or can contact us to request a paper form

Campaigning dos and don'ts

- Do use imprints on all your campaign material, including websites.
- Do comply with planning rules relating to advertising hoardings and large banners.
- Do make sure outdoor posters are removed 2 weeks after the election.
- Do not produce material that looks like a poll card.
- Do not pay people to display your adverts (unless they display adverts as part of their normal business).

Code of conduct for campaigners

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- Campaigners are an essential element of a healthy democracy, but their activities should not bring into question the integrity of the electoral process.
- **Absent vote applications:**
 - Ensure unaltered applications are sent to ERO within **two working days**.
 - Make sure electors understand implications of applying for an absent vote.
 - Do not encourage postal ballot pack redirection.
 - Do not encourage electors to appoint a campaigner as proxy.
- **Postal ballot packs:**
 - Never touch a postal ballot paper
 - Never observe electors completing their postal vote.
 - Never handle or take any completed ballot paper or postal ballot pack from voters
- **Campaigning outside polling stations:**
 - You are allowed to put your messages to voters on polling day, including public spaces outside polling places.
 - Keep access to polling places and the pavements around polling places clear to allow voters to enter.

Candidate spending

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- Defined as certain expenses ‘used for the purposes of the candidate’s election’ during the regulated period.
- Responsibility of **election agent**
- Limit on expenses:
 - £960 + 8 pence per elector in ward/division on register in force on 30 March 2026
- Must get and keep receipts (over £20)
- Spending limits and forms to be issued to agents following the close of nominations.

Full information and guidance is available in **The Electoral Commission Guidance for Candidates: Part 3: Spending and Donations**

Candidates' spending returns

- Returns due 35 calendar days after result of election
- Returns made public by **Returning Officer**
- Sample of returns may be reviewed by the **Electoral Commission**
- Failure to submit a spending return is a criminal offence enforceable by police
- No spending will be reimbursed

Key Posting Dates

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Poll Cards

- Main issue - 23 March
- 24 April for electors subsequently registered before the registration deadline (20 April)

Postal Vote Packs

- 20 April – for electors who have applied by 9 April
- 24 April – for electors who have applied between 9 April and 21 April (deadline for new applications)

What is next?

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- Complete and submit your nomination papers.
- Consider booking an informal check
- Ideally book an appointment to hand in your nomination papers
- There will be a Post Nomination Candidate and Agents briefing on Wednesday 14 April at 6pm

Elected Official and Candidate Safety and Security

Operation Ford Humberside Police Safety and Security
Briefing:

Monday 23 March, 5 – 6pm on Microsoft teams

Humberside Police take the safety of all elected officials very seriously and therefore encourage you all to attend (please contact electoralservices@hullcc.gov.uk for details)

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Thank you