# UK Parliamentary constituencies

These new boundaries are described as being “pre-operative” as they will only become operative on the day of the next UK General Election, planned for 4 July 2024.

Under the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 2020 the four UK Boundary Commissions submit their recommendations for UK Parliament constituency boundaries to the UK Parliament for final approval, and Ordnance Survey make these freely available in their Boundary-Line product. As part of this process Ordnance Survey align these boundaries with the latest elected administrations, mapped ground or cartography features to correct any minor errors as a result of administrative change due to electoral reviews, or geographical changes such as to the coastline or riverbanks.

In the case of the Boundary Commission for Scotland’s (BCS) recent 2023 Review of UK Parliament constituencies, confirmed by Parliament in November 2023, Ordnance Survey have made minor changes to the BCS recommended constituency boundaries including some constituencies where the BCS had previously recommended no change to the existing constituency boundary. Five of the Scottish UK Parliamentary Constituencies have had to be recoded due to the minor changes applied.

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| Original code | New code | Name |
| S14000006 | S14000107 | Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock |
| S14000008 | S14000108 | Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk |
| S14000010 | S14000109 | Central Ayrshire |
| S14000040 | S14000110 | Kilmarnock and Loudoun |
| S14000058 | S14000111 | West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine |

Due to this dataset being for the Pre-Operative UK Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries, the coastline improvements are an ongoing project for Ordnance Survey.

So we can identify them easily, NRS Geography named the first version of the boundaries (Boundary Commission Scotland’s Final Recommendations) UK Parliamentary Constituencies 2023 (the year was based on the Parliamentary Constituencies Order 2023 which was made on 15 November 2023 and came into force on 29 November 2023). The second version of the boundaries were made available in early May 2024 (Ordnance Survey Pre-Operative), which NRS Geography have named UK Parliamentary Constituencies 2024.

Previously published lookups to the new boundaries

2023/2 and 2024/1 postcode lookups and a 2011 Output Area lookup were produced based on the Final Recommendation maps provided by the Boundary Commission for Scotland.

### Postcode level change

Apart from the postcodes in the areas that have had code changes (see table above) there were four differences due to the update to the boundaries since the BCS Final Recommendations.

The changes are all related to deleted postcodes.

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| Postcode | UserType | Linked Small User Postcode | Date Of Introduction | Date Of Deletion | Grid Reference Easting | Grid Reference Northing | BCS Final Recommendation | OS BoundaryLine (May 2024) |
| AB3 8TA | SU |  | 01/08/1973 | 01/08/1990 | 344639 | 815240 | S14000091 | S14000111 |
| EH11 2BE | LU | EH11 2BD | 01/08/1973 | 01/07/1992 | 324024 | 673149 | S14000081 | S14000082 |
| EH11 2BE | LU | NO LINKP | 01/10/1994 | 18/12/1996 | 324024 | 673149 | S14000081 | S14000082 |
| EH6 7RL | LU | EH6 7LU | 01/09/1984 | 15/12/1998 | 328730 | 675763 | S14000078 | S14000079 |

### 2011 Output Area change

No allocation change, only the code changes for the 5 areas.

### UK Parliamentary Constituency maps

The maps used in the data provided are available via the following links:

* [BCS Final Recommendations](https://www.bcomm-scotland.independent.gov.uk/?q=reviews/2023-review-uk-parliament-constituencies)
  + [ZIP Shape files](https://www.bcomm-scotland.independent.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023_review_final/bcs_final_recs_2023_review.zip)
* [OS Boundary Line Technical Information](https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/products/boundary-line" \l "technical)
  + ZIP Shape files

Queries on the changes to the boundaries

Any queries regarding changes to the boundaries and GSS codes between BCS Final Recommendations and OS Pre-operative should be directed to the following:

BCS - [bcs@scottishboundaries.gov.uk](mailto:bcs@scottishboundaries.gov.uk)

OS – Live chat, phone, or online query form on the OS website [Contact us | General enquiries | OS (ordnancesurvey.co.uk)](https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/contact-us?topic=Government&subtopic=Election-maps#Government)

How Boundary Commission for Scotland (BCS) created the boundaries

BCS used electoral Wards within Unitary Councils as the basis for the creation of constituency boundaries, and where the splitting of wards was required, subdivision was done using Polling Districts, Community Council areas and School catchments boundaries to create recognisable boundaries.

The Electorate Calculation Process is available on their website via the following link, [Fifth Periodical Review of Electoral Arrangements (independent.gov.uk)](https://www.bcomm-scotland.independent.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Electorate_processes_for_web.pdf)