



Registering to Vote in Fingal

If you are over 18 years of age and ordinarily resident in the state you may be entitled to vote in elections and referenda in Ireland. Your voting rights depend upon your citizenship. Ordinarily resident means living in a constituency on the qualifying date which is the 1st September in the year preceding the year in which the Register comes into force. The Register comes into force on the 15th February in any given year and expires on the 14th February of the following year.

Referenda: Only Irish Citizens can vote in referenda e.g. to vote on a proposal to modify the Irish Constitution (Bunreacht na hEireann)

Presidential: Only Irish Citizens can vote in Presidential Elections.

Elections for Dail Eireann: Both Irish and British Citizens can vote in elections for Dail Eireann (lower house of parliament)

Elections for the European Parliament; Irish and other European Union Citizens can vote in elections for the European Parliament.

Elections for Local Government: Irish, EU and Non EU residents of the state can vote in the Local Government Elections.

Check the register at www.checktheregister.ie to see if you are already registered to vote.

Postal Voting is available to the following categories of people. Please contact the Franchise Section at 01-~~8908479~~ for additional information.

Categories of Postal Voters

Category of Postal Voters	Form Required	Forms must be returned to registration authority by		
Member of Defense Forces	RFC	25 th November		
Member OF An Garda Siochanna	RFB	25 th November		
Diplomats and their Spouses	SV5	30 th September		
Persons with a physical illness or physical disability living at home	PV1	25 th November	Applications received after closing date may be considered for inclusion in the supplement. Must be supported by Medical Evidence	
Persons unable to vote in person because of the circumstances of the their occupation, service or employment including students attending an educational institution in the state on a full time basis	PV2	25 th November		

Timetable for the Preparation and Publication of The Register of Electors.

	DATE		
Qualifying date for voters to be eligible for inclusion in the Register	1 st September of year preceding the Register coming into force		Must use Form RFA 1
Publication of Draft Register	1 st November each year		
Last Date for Making Claims for corrections to the DRAFT Register	25 th November each year		Must use Form RFA 1
Last date for receipt of applications to be entered onto the postal or special voter's list	25 th November each year		Please see table above for form details
Publication of list of Claims	30 th November	List of all people being added, deleted or modified on the Register	
Completed return of endorsed list of claims sent County Registrar to the registration authority	23 rd December	Final opportunity for a person on the claim's list to appeal the ruling to the County Registrar	
Publication of the Registrar	1 st February	Available at Local Authority Office, Libraries, Garda Siochanna Stations or online at www.checktheregister.ie	
Time for ascertaining whether corrections are due because of	1 st to 14 th February		

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Coming into force of the Registrar	15 th February		
Last Date for receiving applications for entry onto the supplement to the Register for an election or referendum	15 days before polling day (disregarding excluded days)	Opportunity for a person to register to vote having missed the previous deadlines.	Must use Form RFA 2 which must be stamped by An Garda Siochanna.

ANY QUESTIONS?

Q What to do if you check the register after the 15th February in an election year and you discover you are not on the register?

A . Complete form RFA 2, have it stamped at your local Garda Siochanna Station and return to the Franchise Section, Fingal County Council, County Hall Main Street, Swords, Co Dublin. Please remember that on polling day your name will appear in the Supplemental Register. You will automatically be placed on the Main Register in respect of the following year.

Q. What to do if you change address?

A. Complete Form RFA 3, have it stamped at your local Garda Siochanna Station and return to the Franchise Section, Fingal County Council, County Hall Main Street, Swords, Co Dublin. Please remember that on polling day your name will appear in the Supplemental Register. You will automatically be placed on the Main Register in respect of the following year.