



WHO CAN VOTE AND TYPES OF ELECTIONS

VIDEO TRANSCRIPT

Once you are over 18, there are two reasons why as a citizen of Ireland, you would be asked to cast your vote: Elections and Referendums.

While you don't have to be a citizen to vote in a local election, not everyone can vote in a Séanad Éireann election.

Elections come in several forms. They can be Local, General, By-Elections, Presidential Elections or Elections to Séanad Éireann.

By law a General Election must be called in Ireland at least every five years, unless the fall of a government demands that one needs to be called first.

A Referendum is a special type of election, where citizens get to vote on proposals to make changes to The Constitution.

So, how do you Vote? Well, once you know you qualify, you need to register in order to be able to vote in any upcoming Elections or Referendums.

That way, about a week before an election you will receive a polling card in the post, giving you the details of when and where you need to go to cast your Vote.

When you arrive at the Polling Station, you bring the polling card so you can be identified and marked off the register. You're then given a ballot paper which you can mark your vote on and post in the ballot box.

The Ballot boxes are collected and counted after the Polling Station closes.

Why do you think its important to cast your vote in an election?