

Constitutional Referendums on 8th March, 2024.

On 7th December 2023, The Government approved the publication of the Thirty-ninth Amendment of the Constitution (The Family) Bill 2023 and the Fortieth Amendment of the Constitution (Care) Bill 2023 and the holding of the referendums on 8th March 2024. For further information on the two referendums on 8th March 2024, please visit www.electoralcommission.ie

The Last dates for applications to vote in the Referendums on Friday 8th March 2024 are as follows:

 Special/Postal Votes:	Monday, 12th February, 2024
 All other applications:	Tuesday, 20th February, 2024.

Applications can be submitted online at www.checktheregister.ie or by completing a hard copy application which are available at:

👉 www.checktheregister.ie (forms can be downloaded)

👉 By contacting Galway City Council on (091) 536400 or emailing register@galwaycity.ie

WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE IT TO THE POLLING STATION ON POLLING DAY?

If your illness or disability or the circumstances of your occupation or study are preventing you from attending a polling station on polling day, you may be entitled to vote by post.

Special Voters

Electors eligible to apply for special voter status are persons ordinarily resident at a hospital, nursing home or similar institution who are unable to go in person to vote at a polling station by reason of an illness or disability that is likely to continue for the duration of the register. In the case of first-time applicants, the **SV1 form** must be certified by a medical practitioner. Subsequent applications will only require medical certification if requested by the registration authority.

Postal Voters

Postal voting is provided for in respect of certain categories of person as specified in electoral law. The Electoral Act 1992 provides for postal voting for members of the Gardaí, whole-time members of the Defence Forces, and Irish diplomats serving abroad and their spouses. Subsequent legislation enacted by the Oireachtas has extended postal voting to other categories:

- Electors living at home who are unable to vote in person at their local polling station on polling day because of an illness or disability.
- Electors whose occupation, service or employment makes it likely that they will be unable to vote in person at their local polling station on polling day
- Full-time students registered at their home who are living elsewhere while attending an educational institution in the State.
- A person who is an Anonymous Elector or members of the household of the person whose safety would be at risk if their name and address were published on the register of electors.

- Prisoners - person detained in any premises in legal custody.

Visit checktheregister.ie to download a form or contact Galway City Council on 091 536400 or email register@galwaycity.ie to check your special voter / postal voter status or to enquire about your eligibility.