



Information and Guidance

Application for Entry to the Register for the Higher Education Constituency

This form should be used by eligible persons to submit their claim to be entered on the Register of Electors for the Seanad Higher Education constituency. The easiest way to register is by completing the application form online at **www.SeanadVoter.ie**.

Important: Eligibility to Register

You must be:

- › a citizen of Ireland, **and**
- › eighteen years of age or older, **and**
- › have received a degree (other than an honorary degree) which is at least at bachelor degree level, from a designated institution (listed below).

Important Dates

- › Applications must be received by 26 February annually.
- › **Late applications will not be considered.**
- › The revised Register of Electors will be published and come into force on 1 June annually from 2026.

The current (27th) Seanad includes the Senators elected on the basis of the NUI and University of Dublin (Trinity College) constituencies, with three Senators elected by each. Where vacancies occur among those elected in accordance with that process, NUI and University of Dublin (Trinity College) graduates who are included on the Higher Education constituency register will be eligible to vote in ensuing bye-elections if they opted-in to do so when making their application. This arrangement will apply only until any dissolution of the Dáil, from which point the Higher Education constituency will elect all six Senators.

The first Register of Electors for the Higher Education constituency runs from 1 April 2025 until 31 May 2026. A revised register will be published on 1 June 2026 and every 1 June thereafter. If you are entered on the register in force you do not need to reapply to be included on the revised register. You must inform the Central Registration Authority of any changes to your address details or you may not receive your ballot.

Information Required

The legal basis for this form, the information sought therein and how your information is used is set out in the Seanad Electoral (University Members) (Amendment) Act 2024. This includes provisions to seek some personal data including name, address, date of birth, Personal Public Service Number (PPSN) and confirmation that you are an Irish citizen. It also sets out the legal basis for sharing data with other designated institutions, the Minister for Social Protection (to cross-check your PPSN for identity purposes) and any Minister of the Government or specified public body (for example An tArd-Chláraitheoir – in connection with death events), where it is necessary and proportionate, including to verify the accuracy of a claim and to identify duplicates.

Important

If you were previously on the register for the NUI constituency or the University of Dublin (Trinity College) constituency you will not be automatically added to the register for the Higher Education constituency. You will need to register if you have not already done so.

Completing This Form

Sections A, B and C must be completed by all applicants

Section A: Identity details: All applicants are required to complete Section A: Identity Details, including providing their PPSN. Providing your PPSN will enable confirmation of your identity details and help to protect the integrity of the register.

Evidence of Citizenship: Applicants are also asked to provide supporting documentation in relation to their citizenship. This may be a copy of the photo page of your valid Irish Passport or a copy of your Certificate of Naturalisation.

Section B: Qualification details: All applicants are required to complete the relevant parts of Section B. This information will be shared for verification with the relevant designated institution. In this section you are advised to include sufficient information to help your institution to verify your degree qualification(s). If you do not have all of the information requested, you are advised to include any other information that might assist your institution in confirming your record.

Section C: Declaration of Truthfulness: All applicants are required to complete the declaration of truthfulness.

Section D: Witness form: Only required if the applicant does not provide their PPSN or if they are requested to do so by the Chief Registration Officer.

Designated Institutions

To be eligible to apply, you must have received a degree from a designated institution. “Designated institution” means each of the following:

- › the National University of Ireland,
- › the University of Dublin (Trinity College), and
- › institutions that are designated under the Higher Education Authority Act 2022 (listed below).

The definition includes institutions that have been dissolved and had their functions transferred to a designated institution. For more information, visit www.SeanadVoter.ie.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Atlantic Technological University- Dublin City University (DCU)- Dun Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design & Technology (IADT)- Dundalk Institute of Technology (DkIT)- Maynooth University- Munster Technological University (MTU)- National College of Art and Design (NCAD)- Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- South East Technological University- Technological University Dublin- Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest- University of Dublin (Trinity College)- University College Cork- University College Dublin- University of Galway- University of Limerick |
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The Higher Education Authority Act 2022 also provides that other institutions may be designated in the future.

Claim Form for Entry to the Register for the Higher Education Constituency

Fields marked with an * are mandatory.

Complete all sections in BLOCK CAPITALS

Section A: Identity details – All applicants must complete this section

First Name(s)*		Your name and surname will be published on the Register of Electors
Surname*		
Former name or other names (if applicable - particularly at the time of graduation)		This information will not be published on the Register of Electors but may help find your record.
Date of birth*		Your date of birth and PPSN will not be published on the Register of Electors but may be used to confirm your identity details. See guidance for more detail.
PPSN: If you do not provide a Personal Public Service Number (PPSN) you may need to complete Section D		
Email address*		
Phone number		Your email address and phone number will not be published on the Register of Electors but may be used to contact you in relation to your application for Seanad registration.

Current and complete Address (at which you are normally resident)*		This address and Eircode/ Postcode will be published on the Register of Electors.
Eircode/Postcode*		
Complete address to which your ballot papers should be sent (if different)*		This address and Eircode/ Postcode will be published on the Register of Electors.
Eircode/Postcode*		
Correspondence address at the time of your degree (if applicable)		This information will not be published on the Register of Electors but may help your institution to match your record.
Eircode/Postcode		

Citizenship*

In order to be registered as an elector in the Higher Education constituency, you must be a citizen of Ireland.

I am an Irish Citizen and have attached a copy of the photo page of my valid Irish passport

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Please check the relevant box to confirm which supporting information applies to you.

OR

I am an Irish Citizen and have attached a copy of my Certificate of Naturalisation

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Section B: Qualification details - All applicants must complete this section

- › If you have a degree from NUI or University of Dublin (Trinity College) or both, please complete Table 1 **only**. This is relevant if you want to be able to vote in bye-elections that may arise in the existing constituencies in the 27th Seanad.
- › All other applicants should complete Table 2. You only need to include one degree in **Table 2** even if you have more than **one**. Each person will only have one vote in the new Higher Education constituency.
- › For more information, please go to [SeanadVoter.ie](https://seanadvoter.ie)

Table 1: NUI Graduates and University of Dublin (Trinity College) Graduates

Institution you graduated from (Use name of institution as it was known at time of your graduation)*	Year Graduated*	Full Title of Degree* e.g. BA in History, MSc in Nursing, PhD in Biology	Student Number (if known)	Consent to be included in the Register of Electors for bye-elections* Please tick the relevant box	
				Yes	
				No	
				Yes	
				No	

Table 2: Graduates of all other Designated Institutions

Institution you graduated from (use name of institution as it was known at time of your graduation)*	Year Graduated*	Full Title of Degree* e.g. BA in History, MSc in Nursing, PhD in Biology	Student Number (if known)

Additional details about your Degree(s) (Optional)

Providing additional information relevant to your degree(s) may help your institution to match your records. Helpful information could include for example, the name of the institution you attended, the location of the campus where you studied, the name of the awarding body that awarded your degree, or any other relevant information.

Section C: Declaration of Truthfulness - All applicants must complete this section

Tick each box to confirm your agreement and sign and date the declaration.

Please tick the relevant box

I believe that the details I have provided on this form are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.*	
I understand that it is an offence under electoral law to knowingly give false or misleading information.*	
I understand it is my responsibility to inform the Chief Registration Officer of any changes to my name or address details.	

Signature of Applicant

Date

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You can submit this form by post to:

SeanadVoter.ie
PO Box 13784
Dublin 2
Ireland

Before sending your paper form, please ensure you:

- › Complete sections A and B
- › Complete the declaration, section C
- › Attach proof of citizenship (if required)
- › Attach witness form (section D, if required)



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Section D: Seanad Éireann Electoral Registration Witness Form

If you have **not** provided a PPS Number in your application, take this form and your photographic identification (ID) to your local Garda station or any Notary/Notary Public to confirm your identity. If they are satisfied as to your identity, they will witness you signing this form, and then proceed to sign, date, and stamp the form. If you are unable to attend your local Garda station or a Notary/Notary Public due to illness or disability, you must have your form endorsed by a registered medical practitioner in the same manner.

The Chief Registration Officer for the Higher Education constituency may also request you to complete this section and have it witnessed.

Section D: Seanad Éireann Electoral Registration Witness Form

Witness Details	
Witness Full Name	
Witness Occupation	
Witness Work address	
	Phone Number
Witnessing at a Garda Station or by Notary or Notary Public	I, _____, declare that I am satisfied that _____, is the person making this application and that they have signed this form in my presence.
Garda Stamp (if applicable)	Notary ID (if applicable)
Endorsement by a registered medical practitioner (if applicable)	I, _____, confirm that _____ is the person making this application and is unable to attend their local Garda station or Notary/ Notary Public to have this form witnessed and signed due to illness or disability.
Medical Council number (if applicable)	

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Witness

Date

(Member of An Garda Síochána/Notary/Notary Public/Medical Practitioner)

If required, this Witness form can be uploaded with your online application at **SeanadVoter.ie** or submitted by post with your paper application.