



Seánad Éireann Higher Education Constituency

Words, Phrases and Jargon

1. Seánad Éireann

Seánad Éireann is the upper house of the Irish Parliament, the Oireachtas. It works alongside Dáil Éireann (the lower house) to draft, debate, and pass legislation.

2. Higher Education Constituency

The Higher Education constituency is a new constituency for Seánad Éireann. The electors in this constituency will be able to elect six Senators to Seánad Éireann. To be added to the register of electors for this constituency, you must be:

- Are an Irish citizen
- AND**
- Are 18 years or older
- AND**
- Hold a degree (not an honorary degree) from a designated institution.

The Higher Education constituency will replace the two existing three-seat National University of Ireland and University of Dublin (Trinity College Dublin) constituencies.

3. Central Registration Authority

The Central Registration Authority (CRA) is responsible for managing the voter registration process for the Higher Education constituency in Seánad Éireann.

4. Register of Electors

The Register of Electors is a list containing the names and addresses of individuals who have registered to vote. It is updated annually and used during elections.

5. Elector

An elector is an individual who is officially registered to vote in elections.

6. PPS Number

A PPS Number (Personal Public Services Number) is a unique reference number that helps you access benefits, services, and information in Ireland.

7. Eircode

An Eircode is a unique seven-character code assigned to each address in Ireland, identifying specific locations.

8. NUI Reference Number

A NUI Reference Number is a unique reference number sent by post in December 2024 to an individual who is currently listed on the existing NUI register.

9. TCD Alumni Number

A TCD Alumni Number is a unique reference number sent by post in December 2024 to an individual who is currently listed on the existing Trinity College Dublin register.

10. Returning Officer

The Returning Officer is the official responsible for overseeing and managing the conduct of an election. This role ensures that elections are carried out smoothly, fairly, and in compliance with legal standards.

11. Postal Vote

Postal voting is the act of voting by filling out a ballot paper and submitting it by post. This makes it easier for voters to participate in elections remotely.

12. Ballot Paper

A ballot paper is the form voters use to indicate their choice in an election.

13. Seanad Éireann Electoral Registration Witness Form

If an applicant cannot provide a PPS Number in their application, the Seanad Éireann Electoral Registration Witness Form can be used to confirm identity. Applicants should take this form and photographic identification (ID) to a local Garda station or any Notary/Notary Public to confirm their identity. If an applicant is unable to attend a local Garda station or a Notary/Notary Public due to illness or disability, they must have the form endorsed by a registered medical practitioner.

14. Notary/Notary Public/Commissioner for Oaths

A Notary/Notary Public/Commissioner for Oaths are legal professionals authorised to verify identities and witness the signing of documents. They play a role in ensuring the authenticity and legality of official documents and processes.

You can contact us if you have a question.

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