

Voting in the Welsh Elections 5 May 2016

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About this booklet

On Thursday 5 May 2016, there will be **elections** for:



► **The National Assembly for Wales**



► **The Police and Crime Commissioner**



An **election** is a public vote when you are asked to choose people to represent you.



The **National Assembly for Wales** make laws for Wales and checks on the Welsh Government.



A **Police and Crime Commissioner** is in charge of your local police force.

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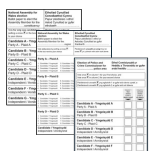
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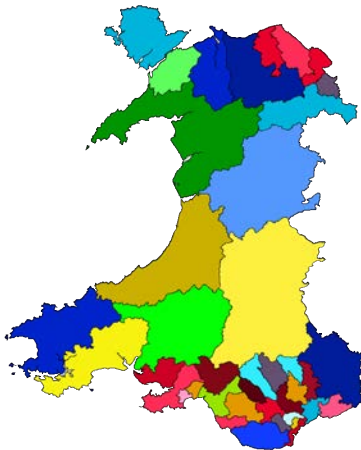
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Election for the National Assembly for Wales



There are 60 Members of the **National Assembly for Wales**.

They have been elected to represent people in **constituencies** or **regions**.



Constituencies are areas made up of towns, cities or countryside.

There are 40 **constituencies** in Wales.



Regions are larger areas. There are about eight **constituencies** in each region.

There are five **regions** in Wales.



The **National Assembly for Wales** has:

- ▶ 40 Assembly Members from **constituencies**
- ▶ 20 members from **regions**

The **National Assembly for Wales** can make some of the laws for Wales about:



- ▶ Health



- ▶ Education



- ▶ Housing



- ▶ Transport

Police and Crime Commissioners



A **Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)** oversees your local police force.

They make sure that the police are doing what matters to you.



You can find information about who is standing to be your local Police and Crime Commissioner at **www.choosemypcc.org.uk**

Or by telephoning **0800 1 07 0708**



Find out more about the job of the PCC at **www.aboutmyvote.co.uk**

Who can vote?



You can vote in the **election** if you are:

- ▶ Registered to vote in Wales, and
- ▶ Aged 18 or over on **Thursday 5 May 2016**.



You must also be:

- ▶ A British **citizen**, or
- ▶ A citizen of the Irish Republic, or
- ▶ A Commonwealth **citizen**, or
- ▶ A **citizen** of another European Union country



A British citizen is someone who was born in Britain or has become a citizen by law.



You cannot vote in these elections if you are a **British citizen** living in another country.



You must be **registered to vote** by **midnight on Monday 18 April 2016** to vote in this **election**.

Don't leave it to the last minute.
Register early to vote!



Registered to vote means that the local council has you on their list of people who are allowed to vote.

If you don't know if you are registered to vote you should phone your local council.

How do I register to vote?



Register as soon as possible in case your information needs to be checked.



There are two ways to register:

1. Online at:
www.gov.uk/register-to-vote
2. At your local council

Cardiff Council		
Voting on Thursday 5th May 2016		
Election to the Welsh Assembly		
Voting information		
Electoral Area	Cardiff	Your details: John Another 12 Three Road Cardiff Number on Register: AB - 123
Polling Day	Thursday 5th May 2016	
Polling Hours	7am to 10pm	
Your polling station will be	Caron Primary School School Lane Cardiff	

If you are registered you will get a **poll card** in the post before the election.

Cardiff Council		
Voting on Thursday 5th May 2016		
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Voting information		
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Your polling station will be	Caron Primary School School Lane Cardiff	

Your **poll card** tells you where and when to vote.

How do I vote?

There are three ways to vote. You can choose one:

1. Vote by going to the polling station on Thursday 5th May



A **polling station** is a public building near your home that is used for people to vote – for example, a school or library.



Voting at the **polling station** is easy and there will be staff there to help you if you are not sure what to do.



Polling stations are open from **7am to 10pm on Thursday 5 May 2016.**

Make sure you arrive in plenty of time.

Staff will give you **3 ballot papers**:

- ▶ A ballot paper for your **constituency**
- ▶ A ballot paper for your **region**
- ▶ A ballot paper for the **Police and Crime Commissioner**

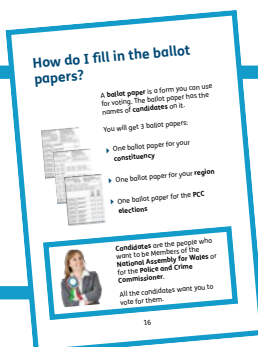
The image shows three sample ballot papers for the National Assembly for Wales election. The top paper is for the constituency election, listing candidates A through G. The middle paper is for the region election, listing candidates A through D. The bottom paper is for the Police and Crime Commissioner election, listing candidates A through F. Each paper has instructions on how to vote by marking an 'X' in the box next to the candidate's name.



You will go to a booth to put one cross **X** against the name you want to support on each ballot paper

Put the ballot papers into the box.

You have voted!



Go to page 16 for how to fill in a ballot paper.

2. Vote by post

To get a postal vote either:



► Go to: www.aboutmyvote.co.uk

- Complete the online form
- Print and sign it
- Post it back to the address on the form



► Call **0800 3 280 280** and ask for a postal vote form to be sent to you.



To vote by post you must send your form back by **5pm on Tuesday 19 April 2016.**

National Assembly for Wales election Ballot paper to elect the Assembly Member for the constituency	Etholiad Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru Papur pleidleisio i ethol Aelod Cynulliad ar gyfer etholaeth
Vote for only one candidate by putting a cross X in the box next to your choice	Pleidieswch ar gyfer un ymgeisydd yn unig trwy roi croes X yn y bwrdd wrth ochr eich dewis
Candidate A - Ymgeisydd A Party A - Plaid A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate B - Ymgeisydd B Party B - Plaid B	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate C - Ymgeisydd C Party C - Plaid C	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D Party D - Plaid D	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E Independent / Annibynnol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>

You will get **3 ballot papers by post:**

► A ballot paper for your **constituency**

National Assembly for Wales election Ballot paper to elect the Assembly Member for the region	Etholiad Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru Papur pleidleisio i ethol yr Aelodau Cynulliad ar gyfer rhanbarth
Vote only once by putting a cross X in the box next to your choice	Pleidieswch unwaith yn unig trwy roi croes X yn y bwrdd wrth ochr eich dewis
Party A – Plaid A	
1. Candidate / Ymgeisydd	2. Candidate / Ymgeisydd
3. Candidate / Ymgeisydd	4. Candidate / Ymgeisydd
5. Candidate / Ymgeisydd	6. Candidate / Ymgeisydd
Party B – Plaid B	
7. Candidate / Ymgeisydd	8. Candidate / Ymgeisydd
9. Candidate / Ymgeisydd	10. Candidate / Ymgeisydd
11. Candidate / Ymgeisydd	12. Candidate / Ymgeisydd
Party C – Plaid C	
13. Candidate / Ymgeisydd	14. Candidate / Ymgeisydd
15. Candidate / Ymgeisydd	16. Candidate / Ymgeisydd
17. Candidate / Ymgeisydd	18. Candidate / Ymgeisydd
Party D – Plaid D	
19. Candidate / Ymgeisydd	20. Candidate / Ymgeisydd
21. Candidate / Ymgeisydd	22. Candidate / Ymgeisydd
23. Candidate / Ymgeisydd	24. Candidate / Ymgeisydd
Candidate / Ymgeisydd Independent / Annibynnol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

► A ballot paper for your **region**

Election of Police and Crime Commissioner for police area	Ethol Comisiynydd yr Heddlu a Throseddau ar gyfer ardal heddlu
Vote once X in column 1 for your first choice, and Vote once X in column 2 for your second choice	
Pleidieswch unwaith X yng ngholofn 1 ar gyfer eich dewis cyntaf, a Pleidieswch unwaith X yng ngholofn 2 ar gyfer eich ail dewis	
Candidate A - Ymgeisydd A Party A - Plaid A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Candidate B - Ymgeisydd B Party B - Plaid B	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate C - Ymgeisydd C Party C - Plaid C	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>

► A ballot paper for the **PPC election**

Put one cross **X** against the name you want to win on each ballot paper.



Post your ballot papers back by **10pm on Thursday 5 May 2016.**

You have voted!

How do I fill in the ballot papers?

A ballot paper is a form you can use for voting. The ballot paper has the names of candidates on it.

- You will get 3 ballot papers:
- One ballot paper for your constituency
 - One ballot paper for your region
 - One ballot paper for the PPC elections

Candidates are the people who want to be Members of the National Assembly for Wales or for the Police and Crime Commissioner.

All the candidates want you to vote for them.

Go to page 16 for how to fill in a ballot paper.

3. By proxy

Vote by **proxy** this means getting somebody you trust to vote on your behalf if you can't vote for yourself.

To do this:



► Go to **www.aboutmyvote.co.uk**

- Complete the online form
- Print and sign it
- Post it back to the address on the form



► Or call **0800 3 280 280** and ask for a **proxy form** to be sent by post.



To vote by proxy you must send your form back by **5pm on Tuesday 26 April 2016.**

How do I fill in the ballot papers?

A **ballot paper** is a form you can use for voting. The ballot paper has the names of **candidates** on it.

You will get 3 ballot papers:

- ▶ One ballot paper for your **constituency**
- ▶ One ballot paper for your **region**
- ▶ One ballot paper for the **PCC elections**

The image shows three sample ballot papers. The top one is for the National Assembly for Wales election, with sections for Constituency (Party A - Plaid A, Party B - Plaid B) and Region (Party C - Plaid C, Party D - Plaid D, Party E - Independent, Party F - Independent). The middle one is for the Police and Crime Commissioner election, with sections for Constituency (Party A - Plaid A, Party B - Plaid B, Party C - Plaid C, Party D - Plaid D) and Region (Party E - Independent, Party F - Independent). The bottom one is for the PCC elections, with sections for Constituency (Party A - Plaid A, Party B - Plaid B, Party C - Plaid C, Party D - Plaid D) and Region (Party E - Independent, Party F - Independent).



Candidates are the people who want to be Members of the **National Assembly for Wales** or for the **Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)**.

All the candidates want you to vote for them.

The constituency ballot paper

National Assembly for Wales election Ballot paper to elect the Assembly Member for the constituency		Etholiad Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru Papur pleidleisio i ethol Aelod Cynulliad ar gyfer etholaeth	
Vote for only one candidate by putting a cross (X) in the box next to your choice		Pleidleiswch ar gyfer un ymgeisydd yn unig trwy roi croes (X) yn y blach wrth ochr eich dewis	
Candidate A - Ymgeisydd A Party A - Plaid A	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Candidate B - Ymgeisydd B Party B - Plaid B	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Candidate C - Ymgeisydd C Party C - Plaid C	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D Party D - Plaid D	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Candidate G - Ymgeisydd G Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>		

To vote put a cross **X** in the box next to the **candidate** you want to vote to win.

Only put one cross on this ballot paper.

The regional ballot paper

National Assembly for Wales election Ballot paper to elect the Assembly Member for the region		Etholiad Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru Papur pleidleisio i ethol yr Aelodau Cynulliad ar gyfer harddaeth	
Vote only once by putting a cross (X) in the box next to your choice		Pleidleiswch unwaith yn unig trwy roi croes (X) yn y blach wrth ochr eich dewis	
Party A – Plaid A		1. Candidate / Ymgeisydd	<input type="checkbox"/>
Party B – Plaid B		2. Candidate / Ymgeisydd	<input type="checkbox"/>
Party C – Plaid C		3. Candidate / Ymgeisydd	<input type="checkbox"/>
Party D – Plaid D		4. Candidate / Ymgeisydd	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate / Ymgeisydd Independent / Annibynnol		5. Candidate / Ymgeisydd	<input type="checkbox"/>

To vote put a cross **X** in the box next to the **political party** or **candidate** you want to win.

Only put one cross on this ballot paper

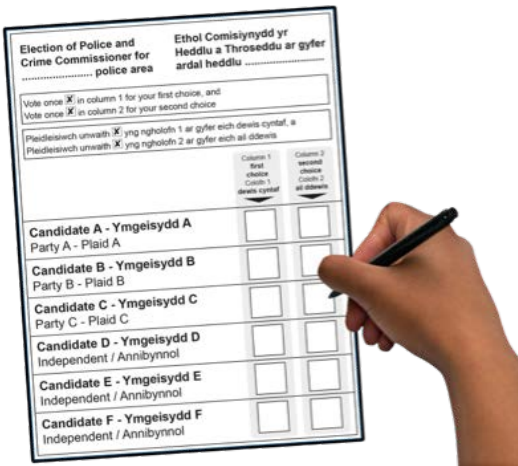


A **political party** is a group of people who all want more or less the same things.

The PCC ballot paper

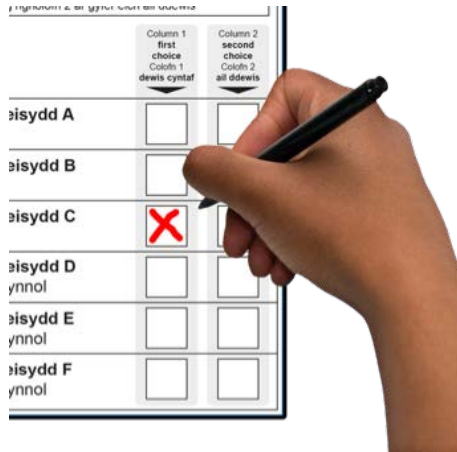
The ballot paper will list all the **candidates** standing in your area.

Next to the list of candidates there will be two columns - a **first choice column** and **second choice column**.



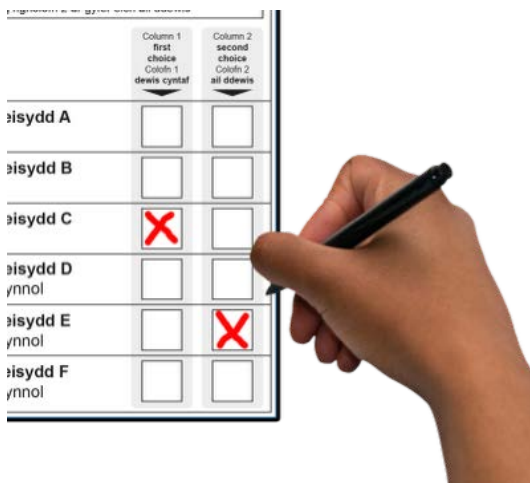
In the first choice column:

- Vote for your first choice **candidate** by putting a cross **X** in a box in the first choice column.



In the second choice column:

- Vote for your second choice **candidate** by putting a cross **X** in a box in the second choice column.



More information

Online



Information about voting:
www.aboutmyvote.co.uk

Registering to vote:
www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

Police and Crime Commissioners:
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The National Assembly for Wales
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