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On **Thursday 5 May 2016** there will be National Assembly for Wales and Police and Crime Commissioner elections.

Registering to vote



You have to be registered to vote by midnight on Monday 18 April to vote in these elections.

You can register online at:
gov.uk/register-to-vote

You can vote in these elections if you are 18 or over on **Thursday 5 May 2016**, registered to vote in Wales and are:

- a British citizen, or
- a Commonwealth citizen who has leave to remain in the UK or who does not require leave to remain in the UK, or
- a citizen of the Irish Republic, or
- a citizen of other European Union countries

British citizens living overseas can't vote in these elections.

If you have recently received a poll card you are registered to vote.

Don't leave it to the last minute, register early to vote!

For more information on eligibility or other methods of registering to vote go to **aboutmyvote.co.uk** or call **0800 3 280 280**

How to vote?

There are three ways to vote:

At your polling station on **Thursday 5 May 2016**

You will be sent a poll card telling you where your polling station is. You don't need your poll card to vote and if you lose, or don't receive it you can contact your local council to find out where your polling station is. **Polling stations are open from 7am to 10pm.**

By post

To apply to vote by post, complete a postal vote application form and send it to your local electoral registration office to arrive **no later than 5pm on Tuesday 19 April 2016.**

Postal ballot papers will be sent out approximately 2 weeks before polling day. Complete and return your ballot papers, ensuring you leave enough time for them to arrive **no later than 10pm on Thursday 5 May 2016.**

By proxy (allowing somebody you trust to vote on your behalf)

To apply to vote by proxy, complete an application form and send it to your local electoral registration office to arrive **no later than 5pm on Tuesday 26 April 2016.**

In an emergency where you cannot go to the polling station in person you can apply for an emergency proxy **no later than 5pm** on the day of the poll – **Thursday 5 May 2016.**

For more information or to get a postal or proxy application form go to **aboutmyvote.co.uk**

Or call our helpline on **0800 3 280 280**

National Assembly for Wales elections

The National Assembly for Wales has powers to make laws for Wales on a range of areas including health, education, housing and transport.

The National Assembly is made up of 60 Assembly Members who are elected by the people of Wales to represent them. 40 Assembly Members represent Wales' constituencies (your local area) and 20 Assembly Members represent the five regions – North Wales, Mid and West Wales, South Wales West, South Wales East, and South Wales Central.

For more information about the National Assembly and to see a map of your constituency or region for Wales, go to **assembly.wales**

How do I vote in the National Assembly for Wales elections?

You must be registered in order to vote. You will receive two ballot papers like the ones pictured on pages 6 and 8-9. There will be a ballot paper to elect your constituency Member and a ballot paper to elect your regional Members.

The constituency ballot paper



Use this ballot paper to vote for a candidate to represent your constituency (your local area). To vote, mark a cross (X) in the box opposite the name of one candidate. The candidate with the most votes becomes the Assembly Member for that constituency.

National Assembly for Wales election Ballot paper to elect the Assembly Member for theconstituency	Etholiad Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru Papur pleidleisio i ethol Aelod Cynulliad ar gyfer etholaeth
Vote for only one candidate by putting a cross in the box next to your choice	Pleidleisiwch ar gyfer un ymgeisydd yn unig trwy roi croes yn y blwch 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"/>

The regional ballot paper

Use this ballot paper to vote for a party or individual candidate to represent your region. To vote, mark a cross (X) in the box opposite the name of one party or individual candidate. In each region, parties and individual candidates win seats based on:

- the number of votes they receive in this regional ballot, and
- the number of constituency seats that parties/individual candidates win in the region.

National Assembly for Wales election Ballot paper to elect the Assembly Member for theregion		Etholiad Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru Papur pleidleisio i ethol yr Aelodau Cynulliad ar gyfer rhanbarth	
Vote only once by putting a cross in the box next to your choice	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; text-align: center; line-height: 40px;">x</div>	Pleidleisiwch unwaith yn unig trwy roi croes yn y blwch wrth ochr eich dewis	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; text-align: center; line-height: 40px;">x</div>
Party A – Plaid A			
1. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	5. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	9. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	
2. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	6. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	10. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	
3. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	7. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	11. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	
4. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	8. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	12. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 40px;"></div>
Party B – Plaid B			
1. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	5. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	9. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	
2. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	6. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	10. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	
3. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	7. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	11. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	
4. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	8. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	12. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 40px;"></div>

Party C – Plaid C		
1. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	5. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	9. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd
2. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	6. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	10. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd
3. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	7. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	11. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd
4. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	8. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	12. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd
<div></div>		
Party D – Plaid D		
1. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	5. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	9. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd
2. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	6. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	10. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd
3. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	7. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	11. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd
4. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	8. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd	12. Candidate/ Ymgeisydd
<div></div>		
Candidate / Ymgeisydd Independent / Annibynnol		<div></div>

Police and Crime Commissioner elections

A Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) oversees your local police force and ensures they are prioritising what matters to you.

To find out who is standing for election in your police force area and to see information from candidates, visit **choosemypcc.org.uk**

From **7 March 2016** you can place an order online for a candidate information booklet to be posted to you.

This information will be available as soon as possible following the close of nominations **on 4pm 7 April 2016**. You can also download and print a candidate information booklet for your area from the website.

Alternatively you can call **0800 1 07 0708** to request a booklet for your police force to be posted to you.

To find out more about the PCC role, visit **aboutmyvote.co.uk**

How do I vote in the PCC elections?

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

For this election you can vote for a first and second choice candidate to win.

Next to the list of candidates there will be two columns.

Police and Crime Commissioner ballot paper

You will be asked to:

- vote for your first choice candidate by marking a cross (X) in the first choice column, and
- vote for your second choice candidate by marking a cross (X) in the second choice column.



As long as you mark one cross in the first choice column, your vote can be counted.

If you have marked a first choice, you can choose whether or not to mark a second choice. But, if you only mark a cross in the second choice column, your vote won't be counted.

**Election of Police and
Crime Commissioner for
..... police area**

**Ethol Comisiynydd yr
Heddlu a Throseddu ar
gyfer ardal heddlu**

.....

Vote once ☐ in column 1 for your first choice, and

Vote once ☐ in column 2 for your second choice

Pleidleisiwch unwaith ☐ yng ngholofn 1 ar gyfer eich
dewis cyntaf, a

Pleidleisiwch unwaith ☐ yng ngholofn 2 ar gyfer eich ail
ddewis

**Column 1
first
choice
Colofn 1
dewis
cyntaf**

**Column 2
second
choice
Colofn 2
ail
ddewis**

Candidate A - Ymgeisydd A
Party A - Plaid A



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Candidate B - Ymgeisydd B
Party B - Plaid B

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Candidate C - Ymgeisydd C
Party C - Plaid C

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	Column 1 first choice Colofn 1 dewis cyntaf 	Column 2 second choice Colofn 2 ail ddewis 
Candidate D - Ymgeisydd D Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate E - Ymgeisydd E Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate F - Ymgeisydd F Independent / Annibynnol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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