



Easy-to-Read Guide to Presidential Election Questions

How to use this guide

We wrote this guide in an Easy-to-Read format.



You can ask for support to read this guide. A friend, family member or support person might be able to help you.



What will the ballot paper for the presidential election look like?

The ballot paper for the presidential election will include 3 names:

Toghchán don Uachtarán
Presidential Election

TREORACHA

1. Scríobh an figiúr 1 sa bhosca le hais an chéad iarrthóra is rogha leat, scríobh an figiúr 2 sa bhosca le hais an dara harrthóra is rogha leat, agus mar sin de.

2. Fill an páipéar ionas nach bhfeicfead do vóta. Taispeáin cúl an pháipéir don oifigeach ceannais, agus cuir sa bhosca ballóide 6.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Write 1 in the box beside the candidate of your first choice, write 2 in the box beside the candidate of your second choice, and so on.

2. Fold the paper to conceal your vote. Show the back of the paper to the presiding officer and put it in the ballot box.

CONNOLLY CATHERINE MARTINA ANN CONNOLLY, of Ardara Grann, An Cladach, Gullinsh, T.D.		☐
GAVIN JIM GAVIN, of Rathfriland, Dublin 14, Public Servant, Former Commander, Oileigh na hÉireann		☐
HUMPHREYS HEATHER HUMPHREYS, of Donnybrook, Co. Monaghan, Former Government Minister and Credit Union Manager		☐

- Catherine Connolly,
- Jim Gavin,
- Heather Humphreys.

The sample ballot paper can be seen at this link:
[Presidential election - Electoral Commission](#)



Why does the ballot paper have 3 names on it? I thought one candidate decided not to run for election anymore

The Presidential Election is held according to Irish Law.



The law says that any candidate can change their mind and decide not to run.

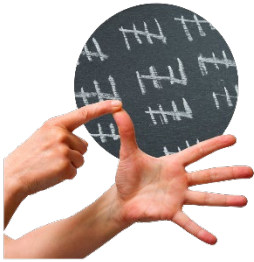
But this has to be done before a certain date. In the Presidential Election that date was Wednesday 24 September 2025.

The following were the nominated candidates:
Catherine Connolly, Jim Gavin and Heather Humphreys.



As none of the candidates ended (withdrew) their nomination before Wednesday 24 September, the 3 candidates' names will be on the ballot paper.

Votes for each candidate will be counted.



How will presidential election votes be counted?

There will be three candidates on the ballot paper.

Votes for each candidate will be counted as normal.



When marking your ballot paper start with

- **'1'** for your first preference,
- **'2'** for your second preference,
- and so on.



After the first count, the candidate with the lowest number of first preferences (**'1'** votes) will be removed. This candidate's votes will then be transferred to the other candidates based on the next preferences (**'2'** votes and **'3'** votes).



What is an invalid vote?

An invalid vote is a vote that will not be counted for any candidate in the Presidential Election.

There are many reasons a vote could be invalid and not counted.



- It was not stamped by polling staff,
- It is not clear who the Number 1 vote is for,
- There is a Number 1 vote for more than one candidate,
- There is writing or other markings on the ballot



It is up to the Returning Officer who is counting the votes to decide whether a vote is invalid.

To make sure that your vote is counted start with

- **'1'** for your first preference,
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Do not write or make any other mark on the ballot paper.