

#HomeToVote: FAQs

How to register to vote

On 25 May 2018, the people of the Republic of Ireland will have an historic opportunity to vote in a referendum to change Ireland's strict abortion laws. If you are an Irish student studying in the UK, read on to find out how to have your say.

Can I vote in the referendum on 25 May?

You must be an Irish citizen who is 18 years or over on polling day and on the Electoral Register. Under Section 11 (3) of the Electoral Act 1992, Irish citizens overseas may retain full voting rights for a period of 18 months, should they intend to return to Ireland within that timeframe. This means you are eligible to vote if you are an Irish citizen who has lived in the Republic of Ireland in the last 18 months. You can check that you are registered at www.checktheregister.ie

I'm not on the register, what can I do?

Eligible voters who are not on the register can apply for inclusion on the supplement using application form RFA2 which is available from City and County Councils or can be downloaded from www.checktheregister.ie. **However this form must be completed in person in the presence of a member of An Garda Síochána by Tuesday 8 May 2018. You must also bring photo identification with you.**

Where can I vote?

Polling cards will be issued to every person registered to vote. The card will provide details of where to vote. Ideally polling cards, along with photo ID, should be taken to the polling station.

At what time can I vote?

Polling will take place between 7am and 10pm.

Can I apply for a postal vote?

Yes, **however you must already be on the register of electors to do so.** The deadline for postal vote applications to be received by your local authority is **Saturday 28 April 2018.** You can find more details here: www.checktheregister.ie

What does the proposed amendment say?

The Government has proposed to remove article 40.3.3, and insert a new clause stating "Provision may be made by law for the regulation of termination of pregnancies". This would be known as the 36th Amendment.

