

Referendums

Thirty-ninth Amendment of the Constitution (The Family) Bill 2023 Fortieth Amendment of the Constitution (Care) Bill 2023

The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD has today made an order appointing **Friday 8 March, 2024** as the polling day for the referendums on the proposals for the amendment of the Constitution contained in the Thirty-ninth Amendment of the Constitution (The Family) Bill 2023 and the Fortieth Amendment of the Constitution (Care) Bill 2023.

Polling will take place between the hours of **7 am and 10 pm**. The total electorate currently stands at some 3.3 million.

To vote in the referendum you must be an Irish citizen who meets the qualifying conditions, including a requirement to be 18 years or over on polling day and ordinarily resident at the address in the constituency in which you wish to vote. You must also be included on the Register of Electors.

The registration process has changed since the last referendum and everyone is encouraged to check that their details are correct and up to date at checktheregister.ie.

Eligible voters who are not on the register, or who need to update their details, for example because they have moved house, can do so by submitting an online application at www.checktheregister.ie or by submitting a form to their local authority. Relevant application forms are available from City, County or City and County Councils (these are the registration authorities) or online at www.checktheregister.ie

Completed applications must be received by the registration authority for the area in which you reside by **Tuesday 20th February 2024**.

If a person is eligible to vote by post, or is unable to vote in person due to an illness or disability and is resident in a hospital, nursing home, mental health facility or similar institution, and they are not on the Postal Voters List or Special Voters List, as appropriate, they can apply up to **Monday, 12 February, 2024** for inclusion in those lists. Application forms are available from City, County or City and County Councils and online at www.checktheregister.ie.

The Minister has appointed Barry Ryan, a Principal Officer in the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, to be the Referendum Returning Officer for the referendums.