

## What is happening?

On **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019** a General Election will be held to elect 17 members to the Gibraltar Parliament.

## Who can vote in the election?

British, aged 18 or over who are resident in Gibraltar will be eligible to vote.

## How do I register to vote?

If you want to have your say at the Election, you must be registered to vote. To register either apply in person at the Gibraltar Parliament, 156 Main Street, or:

Download a registration form (PDF)

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OR

Register online:

<https://register.parliament.gi/>

The registration deadline is **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 6.00pm.**

## How do I check if I'm registered to vote?

You can check whether you are registered to vote either by checking the register, in person, at the Gibraltar Parliament or by checking on-line.

[Click here to check the on-line register](#)

## How do I vote?

Once you are registered to vote, there are four ways you can vote in the Elections.

### 1. At your polling station in person

You will receive an information card telling you where your polling station is.

Polling stations will be open from 9am to 10pm on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019.**

## 2. By post

To apply to vote by post, you will need to complete a postal vote application form.

Download a postal application form (PDF)

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**OR**

If you have registered for eGov services via the GibVerify app and you are on the Register of Electors you can apply to receive a postal vote using the link below:

<https://citizen.egov.gi/Account/Login>

Once you have completed and signed your application form, send it to the Returning Officer to arrive by noon on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019**.

You will receive your ballot paper by post. A ballot paper can be sent overseas, but you need to think about whether you will have time to receive and return it so it arrives back by 10pm on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019**.

## 3. By proxy

Voting by proxy means allowing somebody you trust to vote on your behalf.

To apply to vote by proxy, you will need to complete a proxy vote application form.

Download a proxy application form (PDF)

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Once you have completed and signed your application form, send it to the Returning Officer to arrive by noon on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019**.

When you apply for a proxy vote you will need to state why you cannot vote in person. Your proxy must be registered to vote and eligible to vote in the election. Your proxy will vote on your behalf so you will need to tell them how you want to vote.

Find out more about casting your vote by proxy

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### Emergency Proxy

If after 12 noon on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019 you are unable to vote in person because you:

- Have a medical emergency; or
- Learn you cannot go to the polling station because of work reasons.

You can apply to vote by proxy. Completed applications must reach us before 5pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

To apply to vote by emergency proxy, you will need to complete an emergency proxy vote application form.

[Download an emergency proxy application form \(PDF\)](#)

To find out how to apply, call 200 78420.

#### **4. Absentee Vote**

Persons who because of physical infirmity are unable to visit a Polling Station may do so at their place of residence. For this purpose, residence includes a hospital, home or similar place.

Once an application to vote as an absentee voter has been approved by the Returning Officer you will only be able to vote at that address shown and **NOT** at any Polling Station.

To apply for absentee voting, you will need to complete an absentee voting application form.

[Download an absentee voting application form \(PDF\)](#)

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## **How do I fill in the ballot paper for the Election?**

You may not vote for more than **10** candidates. If you vote for more than **10** candidates or place any mark on the paper by which you may be afterwards identified, the ballot paper will be void and not counted.

## **Why are pencils used in polling stations?**

Electors can vote using a pen or pencil. There is no legal requirement for ballot papers to be marked with a pencil.

Pencils are typically provided inside polling stations, but voters can choose to bring their own pen into the polling station to vote.

Pencils are used for practical reasons: with ink pens there is always a risk that they may dry out or spill; ink may cause some transfer of the mark the voter has made on the ballot paper when they fold it, potentially leading to their vote being rejected if, for example, it looks like they have voted for more candidates than they are entitled to.