

VOTING

IN THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY
ELECTIONS



HAVE YOUR SAY – SIGN UP TODAY.

WHAT?

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MAY?



On the **6th of May**, anyone over the age of 16 will be able to vote for who they want to represent them in the next Scottish Parliament – these elected representatives are called MSP's.

The political party with the highest number of MSP's (or commonly referred to as seats) usually becomes the government and then has the power to make decisions.

This is a chance for people to make their voices heard by electing people and parties they agree with. You need to register to vote to do this.

SO WHAT?

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME AND
WHY SHOULD I VOTE?



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Most young people have said “politics isn’t for me” at some point.

But politics affects you.

Politics determines everything in our lives: from tackling big global issues like climate change to deciding whether or not planning permission is given to build a fast food drive thru in Inverness or even creating laws about social media usage.

So why not give your say – it may just determine what way our country heads in?

OK. HOW?

HOW DO I REGISTER? WHERE AND HOW
CAN I VOTE?



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You must register to vote – it only takes 5 minutes. All you need to do is fill in the online form at:

www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

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Scottish Parliament Election



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Voting by post (postal vote)

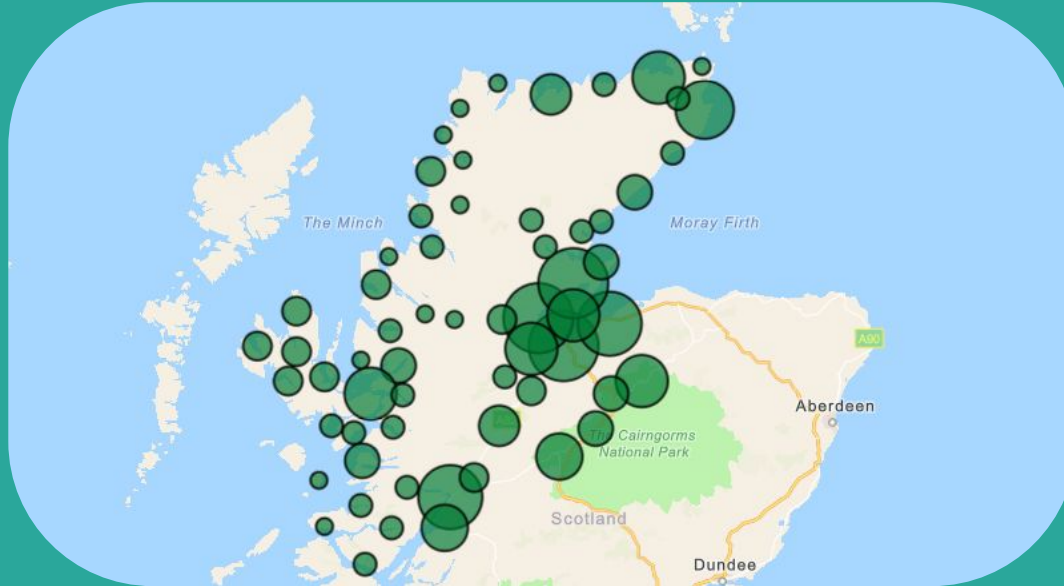
You need to complete an additional form to be able to vote by post and for this election it needs to be completed by **5pm on Tuesday 6th of April.**

Download and print [here](#) or request a paper application form by clicking the mailto link [here](#).

Return the completed application to any of [Electoral Registration offices](#) by post or scanned by email to absentvote@highland.gov.uk
For more information Call **0800 393 783** or email ero@highland.gov.uk

Voting in person

There are polling stations open in every Highland community: open from 7am to 10pm at night. You can bring your poll card but you do not need it to vote.



How to fill in your ballot

In the Scottish Parliamentary Elections you get **two votes**. One for your region and one for your local area (constituency).

For the first vote you **pick a candidate** by marking “X” in the square beside the candidates name.

For the second vote you **pick a political party or an individual regional candidate** by marking “X” in the square.

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Register at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote by the **19th of April**.

If you would like a postal vote the form needs to be completed by **Tuesday the 6th of April**.

The election is being held on the **6th of May** – cast your vote by simply marking 'X' besides your chosen candidate or chosen party (you get two votes remember!)

If you are voting in person, your poll card will mention the polling station where you can vote or you can find your nearest polling station [here](#).

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The Youth Parliament and Council are on both Twitter and TikTok – so give us a follow!

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