

Voter Guide tae the Scots Pairlament election o 5 Mey 2016



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Wha can vote?



Ye can vote in this election gin ye'r inrowed tae vote in Scotland an will be 16 or ower on **Thursday 5 Mey 2016** or ye'r

- a Breetish or Irland ceetizen, or
- a Commonwealth ceetizen that haes leave (freedom) tae bide in the UK or that daesna need tae get sic leave tae bide in the UK, or
- a ceetizen o anither European Union kintra

Breetish ceetizens that bides owerseas canna vote in the Scots Pairlament election.

This is the first Scots Pairlament election that's habile tae 16 an 17 year auld voters.

Ye maun be inrowed tae vote bi midnicht on **Monanday 18 Aprile 2016** tae hae a vote in this election. It's important that ye inrow as early as ye can in case yer inrowment office haes tae speir at ye aboot ony parteeclars.

Gin a voting caird wis sent tae ye no lang syne this means that ye'r inrowed for tae vote.

Yer voting caird tells ye whauraboos an whan tae vote an ye will be sent ane afore ony election sae lang as ye'r inrowed.

Ye can inrow for a vote online at:
gov.uk/register-to-vote or gie us a
caw on **0800 3 280 280**



Hoo dae A vote?



The'r three weys tae vote:

1. At yer voting station on Thursday 5 Mey 2016

Ye will be sent a voting caird that tells ye whaur yer voting station will be. Ye needna yer voting caird tae vote, an gin ye loss it, or didna get ane tae stert wi, ye shuid speir at yer cooncil hame-aboot tae find oot whaur yer voting station will be.

The voting stations will be open fae 7am tae 10pm.

2. Bi post

Ye can pit in tae vote bi post. Ye'll want tae fill oot an application an send it aff tae yer electoral inrowment office that's hame-aboot, tae win at them **bi 5pm on Tuesday 19 Aprile 2016.**

Ye will receive yer voting papers throu the post. Fill them oot wi yer votes an return, makkin shair that ye gie eneuch time for yer papers tae win at the electoral office bi **10pm on Thursday 5 Mey 2016.**

3. Bi proxy (lattin a body ye can lippen on cast the vote on your behauf)

For tae pit in for a proxy vote, fill oot an application form an send it tae the electoral inrowment office for whaur ye bide sae that it wins at them **bi 5pm on Tuesday 26 Aprile 2016.**

Gin ye find yersel in a sair-fit an canna get tae the voting station, ye can pit in for a aince-errant proxy **up tae 5pm on Thursday 5 Mey 2016.**

For mair wittins o this, or tae pit in for postal or proxy votes, please clap yer moose on **aboutmyvote.co.uk** or gie oor helpline a caw on **0800 3 280 280**

Hoo dae A fill in the voting papers?

Ye'll be gien twa voting papers:

Constituency ballot paper

(Yer area hame-aboot)

Election of Members of the Scottish Parliament for the [XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX] Constituency	
Vote for only one candidate by putting a cross in the box next to your choice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Candidate A A Party	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate B B Party	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate C Independent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate D D Party	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate E Independent	<input type="checkbox"/>

On this voting paper ye vote for a leetit body tae represent yer constituency. Mark a cross (X) in the kist forenent the name o **ane body** on the leet.

Regional ballot paper

(Braider electoral area)

Election of Members of the Scottish Parliament for the [XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX] Region	
Vote only once by putting a cross in the box next to your choice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
A Party	<input type="checkbox"/>
B Party	<input type="checkbox"/>
C Party	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate D Independent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidate E Independent	<input type="checkbox"/>

On this voting paper ye either vote for a pairty, or for a body on the leet that's no thirlt til ony pairty, for tae represent yer region. Mark a cross (X) in the kist forenent the name o **ane pairty or unthirlt body**.

Scots Pairlament

On **Thursday 5 Mey 2016** the Scots Pairlament is awa tae hae an election.

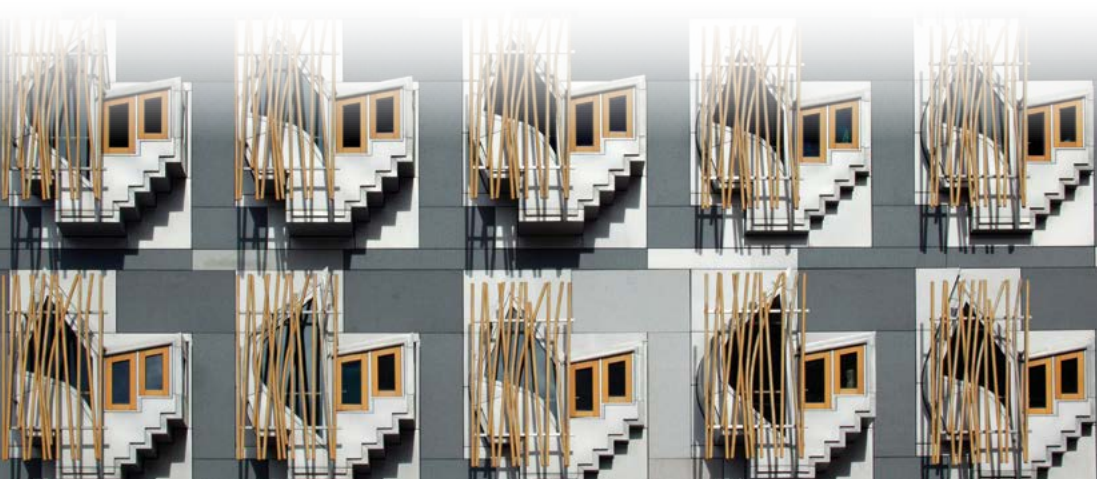
The Scots Pairlament haes the pouers tae mak laws for Scotland sindry gait that comprehends health, the scuils, hoosing, justice an the natural surroonds.

Awbody in Scotland is representit wi echt Memmers o the Scots Pairlament (MSPs): ane for thair constituency (or area hame-aboot) an seeven for the braider electoral region whaur a body bides.

Awthegither the'r 129 electit MSPs as follaes:

- ane constituency MSP for ilk ane o the 73 constituencies, makkin 73 awthegither
- seeven regional MSPs til ilk ane o the echt electoral regions in Scotland, makkin 56 awthegither

For mair anent the Scots Pairlament, please clap yer moose on **scottish.parliament.uk**



Hoo tae speir-oot mair

Gin ye hae any questions, or wad like tae get this bit screive in anither leid or hae it set oot anither gait or style, please clap yer moose on **aboutmyvote.co.uk** or gie oor helpline a caw on **0800 3 280 280**.

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