



# Scottish Parliamentary Elections

## How to Vote

The Scottish Parliamentary Elections are due to be held on Thursday 7 May 2026.

We have created this document to help voters in Fife, particularly those with disabilities, to register and vote in this election.

Full information can be found on the Fife Council website [Elections and Electoral Registration | Fife Council](#)

## Register to vote

You can vote in the Scottish Parliamentary elections on Thursday 07 May 2026 if you're registered to vote and are:

- aged 16 or over on polling day
- a British, Irish or qualifying Commonwealth citizen living in the UK, or
- a qualifying foreign national who is living in Scotland and has permission to enter or stay in the UK, or who does not need such permission, including EU citizens.

**If your name is not on the register, you will not be able to vote.**



**The last date to apply to be registered for this election is Monday 20 April 2026**

## How to register

You can apply to register to vote online. Please visit [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote). The details you will have to provide are your name, address, national insurance number, nationality, and date of birth. You only need to register once, unless you change your address, name, or nationality. You are not registered until you receive confirmation from the electoral registration office about your application.



For any support or advice please contact the Electoral Registration Office

E: [voters.roll@fife.gov.uk](mailto:voters.roll@fife.gov.uk)

## Find your polling place

If you were registered to vote as of 06 February 2026, your poll card will have been issued and this will confirm where you will need to go to vote.

## Find your electoral area

### New electors

Depending on when you register to vote will determine when your poll card will be issued.

If you live in the Fife local government area, you can enter your postcode in the search function to [find your polling place](#).

If you are a Fife resident, you can check the constituency and region you vote in by entering your postcode into the search function: [Find your electoral area](#)

## How to vote

There are three ways to vote:

1. At a polling station
2. By post
3. By proxy

### At a polling station

1. On election day, go to your polling station. This is usually a school, local hall or public building near where you live. When you arrive at the polling station, staff will be on hand to direct you to where voting is taking place.
2. When you have located your polling station, tell the staff there your name and address.
3. For this election, voters will be issued with two ballot papers and will be directed into a polling booth to cast your vote in private.
4. On the lilac-coloured ballot paper electors will vote for the constituency MSP by placing a (X) in the box next to their choice of candidate. On the peach-coloured ballot paper electors will vote for a party or independent candidate competing for one of the seven regional seats by placing a (X) in the box next to their choice of party or independent candidate.
5. Fold your ballot papers in half and drop them in the box.



**Staff are available in the polling station to assist electors, so please ask for assistance if there is anything you are unsure of**

**Polling stations are open  
7am – 10pm on Thursday 07 May 2026**

## Voting by post

You do not need a reason to vote by post.



To find out about voting by post, and to apply for a postal vote, go to the [Apply to Vote by post or by proxy page](#)

## Voting by proxy

Voting by proxy means that you appoint someone else to vote on your behalf. This can be useful if you can't get to a polling station on polling day for example if you are abroad or have to be away for work reasons.

Remember you and your appointed proxy must be registered individually to apply.



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# Your vote matters

## Don't lose it

