



03 September 2025

Circular Letter F.08-25

A Chara,

I attach for your attention a copy of the Presidential Election Order made by the Minister today in relation to the forthcoming Presidential Election. The Order sets out the last day on which the Presidential Returning Officer may receive nominations, the date and time of the poll at the election and other details.

Article 12.4.2 of the Constitution provides that every candidate, who is not a former or retiring President, must be nominated either by:

- (i) not less than twenty persons, each of whom is at the time a member of one of the Houses of the Oireachtas, or
- (ii) by the Councils of not less than four administrative counties (including County Boroughs), as defined by law.

The nomination of candidates for a presidential election by city, city and county, and county councils is a reserved function, regulated by law under section 16 of the Presidential Elections Act 1993. With the Presidential Election Order now signed, the main points of note are as follows:

- councils may, by resolution, resolve to nominate one candidate,
- not less than 3 clear days' notice of the intention to propose the resolution must be given in writing to every person, who, at the time when the notice is given, is a member of the council, and
- the resolution of the council must be given effect by means of a nomination paper as prescribed in the Presidential Election (Forms) Regulations 2011 – S.I. 258 of 2011 amended by S.I. 329 of 2018 - sealed with the seal of the council and delivered in person to the Presidential Returning Officer. Copies of the Regulations and a nomination paper are enclosed.

Mr. Barry Ryan of this Department has been appointed as the Presidential Returning Officer and the address at which nomination papers may be delivered and to which other communications may be addressed is: Presidential Returning Officer, Custom House, Dublin 1. An appointment for delivery should be made by telephoning the office of the Presidential Returning Officer at 01 888 2235.

The period for the receipt of nominations commences at 10am on Friday 05 September, 2025 and ends at 12 noon on Wednesday 24 September 2025. As indicated in Circular Letter F 04/25 of 15 May 2025, councils intending to get involved in the nomination process should liaise with any other councils who are proposing to nominate the same candidate to ensure that the details (names, address and occupation) in relation to the candidate on the nomination papers are identical.

Mise le meas

S. Dineen

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To each Chief Executive and Director General

An Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Ordú Toghcháin an Uachtaráin, 2025

Presidential Election Order 2025

I bhfeidhmiú na gcumhachtaí a thugtar dó le halt 6 d'Acht Toghchán an Uachtaráin, 1993 (Uimh. 28 de 1993), déanann Séamus de Brún, an tAire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta na nithe seo a leanas a cheapadh leis an Ordú seo uaidh chun críocha an ghnáth-thoghcháin uachtaráin a dhéanfar sa bhliain 2025:

1. Is é an 24^ú lá de Meán Fomhair 2025 an lá deireanach ar a bhféadfaidh ceann comhairimh toghcháin an uachtaráin ainmniúcháin a ghlacadh le haghaidh an toghcháin.
2. Is é seo a leanas an seoladh a bhféadfar páipéis ainmniúcháin a sheachadadh air agus a bhféadfar cumarsáidí eile a chur chuige: Ceann Comhairimh Toghcháin an Uachtaráin, Teach an Chustaim, Baile Átha Cliath 1.
3. Is é Teach an Chustaim, Baile Átha Cliath 1, an áit ina suífidh ceann comhairimh toghcháin an uachtaráin chun rialú a thabhairt ar ainmniúcháin ar an lá deireanach chun ainmniúcháin a ghlacadh.
4. Is é an 24^ú lá de Deireadh Fomhair 2025 an lá ar a dtógfar, agus is í an tréimhse idir na huaireanta 7.00 a.m. agus 10.00 p.m. an tréimhse ar lena linn a thógfar, an vótáiocht (más ann) sa toghchán.

I, James Browne, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 6 of the Presidential Elections Act 1993 (No. 28 of 1993), by this Order appoint for the purposes of the ordinary presidential election to be held in the year 2025 as follows:

1. The 24th day of September 2025 shall be the last day on which the presidential returning officer may receive nominations for the election.
2. The address at which nomination papers may be delivered and to which other communications may be sent is The Presidential Returning Officer, Custom House, Dublin 1.
3. The Custom House, Dublin 1, shall be the place at which the presidential returning officer will sit to rule upon nominations on the last day for receiving nominations.
4. The 24th day of October 2025 shall be the day on which, and the period between the hours of 7.00 a.m. and 10.00 p.m. shall be the period during which, the poll (if any) at the election shall be taken.

ARNA THABHAIRT faoi mo Shéala Oifigiúil,
GIVEN under my Official Seal,

3 Meán Fómhair 2025.
3 September 2025.

L.S.

JAMES BROWNE

Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta
Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage



STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS.

S.I. No. 329 of 2018

**PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS (FORMS) (AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS 2018**

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS (FORMS) (AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS 2018

I, JOHN PAUL PHELAN, Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 4 of the Presidential Elections Act 1993 (No. 28 of 1993) (as adapted by the Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order (S.I. No. 358 of 2017)) and the Housing, Planning and Local Government (Delegation of Ministerial Functions) Order 2017 (S.I. No. 473 of 2017) hereby order as follows:

1. These regulations may be cited as the Presidential Elections (Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 2018.
2. The Presidential Elections (Forms) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 258 of 2011) are hereby amended by the substitution of
 - (a) Part 1 of the Schedule hereto for Part 1 of the Schedule to the Presidential Elections (Forms) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 258 of 2011);
 - (b) Form No.1 in Part 2 of the Schedule hereto for the Form of Nomination Paper for Nominations by County Councils and City Councils in Part 2 of the Schedule to the Presidential Elections (Forms) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 258 of 2011), and
 - (c) Form No. 2 in Part 2 of the Schedule hereto for the Form of the Ballot Paper in Part 2 of the Schedule to the Presidential Elections (Forms) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 258 of 2011).

*Notice of the making of this Statutory Instrument was published in
"Iris Oifigiúil" of 17th August, 2018.*

SCHEDULE

PART 1

1. A photograph in digitised format and 2 identical printed copies of the photograph (passport size — 35mm x 45mm) shall be delivered with the candidate's nomination paper.
2. The photograph shall be of good quality and in colour showing the candidate's full face, head and shoulders only, on a light background (any colour) and taken to a professional standard.
3. The photograph shall have been taken not more than 12 months prior to the date appointed by the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government by order under section 6 of the Presidential Elections Act 1993 for the taking of the poll at the election.
4. Each copy of the printed photograph shall have the candidate's name clearly shown on the back.

PART 2**FORM NO.1**

(Section 16 of the Presidential Elections Act 1993)

No.

(To be inserted by Presidential Returning Officer)

FORM OF NOMINATION PAPER FOR NOMINATIONS BY COUNTY COUNCILS, CITY COUNCILS AND CITY AND COUNTY COUNCILS**PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**.....* **Insert month and year of the poll/election*

1. The Council of the County (City) (City and County Council) of in pursuance of a resolution passed on the day of hereby nominate the person named under to be a candidate at the above-mentioned election to the office of President.

Please use BLOCK LETTERS			
Surname of Candidate	Other Names	Description	
		Address	Occupation (if any)

2. The Council of the County (City) (City and County Council) of declare that—

(a) the person hereby proposed to be nominated to be a candidate is eligible for election to the office of President, and

(b) the person has consented to the proposed nomination.

Sealed with the Common Seal of the Council of the County (City) (City and County Council) of

in the presence of

(Member or official of local authority).

Signed:
Authorised Officer

Date:

FORM NO.2

(Section 37 of the Presidential Elections Act 1993)

**Form of Ballot Paper
(Front of Paper)****Toghchán don Uachtaráin
Presidential Election****TREORACHA**

1. Scríobh an figiúr 1 sa bhosca le hais an chéad iarrthóra is rogha leat, scríobh an figiúr 2 sa bhosca le hais an dara hiarrthóra is rogha leat, agus mar sin de.
2. Fill an páipéar ionas nach bhfeicfear do vóta. Taispeáin cún an pháipéir don oifigeach ceannais, agus cuir sa bhosca ballóide é.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Write 1 in the box beside the candidate of your first choice, write 2 in the box beside the candidate of your second choice, and so on.
2. Fold the paper to conceal your vote. Show the back of the paper to the presiding officer and put it in the ballot box.

DOYLE MARY DOYLE, of 10 High Street, Knockmore, Nurse.	Photograph	<input type="checkbox"/>
LYNCH JANE ELLEN LYNCH, of 12 Main Street, Ardstown, Shopkeeper.	Photograph	<input type="checkbox"/>
MURPHY PATRICK MURPHY, of 12 Main Street, Ballyduff, Carpenter.	Photograph	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ó BRIAIN SÉAMUS Ó BRIAIN, as 10 An tSráid Ard, Carn Mór, Oide Scoile.	Photograph	<input type="checkbox"/>
O'BRIEN EAMON O'BRIEN, of 22 Wellclose Place, Knockbeg, Barrister.	Photograph	<input type="checkbox"/>

(Back of Paper)

Uimh/Number

Toghchán don Uachtaráin ar lá de

Presidential election on day of

(Back of Counterfoil)

Comhdhuille Uimhir
Counterfoil Number

GIVEN under my Hand,
14 August 2018.

JOHN PAUL PHELAN,
Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Planning and
Local Government.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation).

The regulations prescribe certain forms for use at a presidential election including the requirements for the provision of photographs to the Presidential Returning Officer by candidates at the presidential election.

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