



Ollscoil na hÉireann
National University of Ireland

Seanad Éireann

How do I register to vote?

As a graduate of the National University of Ireland (NUI) you have the right, provided that you are also an Irish citizen, to vote in the election of members to Ireland's Upper House, Seanad Éireann. NUI graduates elect three members of Seanad Éireann. The graphic below shows a step-by-step guide to the registration process.

Registration is not automatic; graduates must claim to be registered.

1 Download a form

NUI graduates can download the Registration Claim Form at www.nui.ie



2 Complete

the Seanad Éireann Form



3 Submit

completed forms to NUI



4 Final Date

NUI must receive forms by 26th February



5 You will be added to the register

which is published 1st June every year



6 Receive vote

at time of Seanad Éireann Election

7 Return

cast vote to NUI



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What is Seanad Éireann?

Seanad Éireann is the Upper House of the Irish Legislature and is composed of sixty members. Three members are voted by the graduates of National University of Ireland and three by the graduates of University of Dublin (Trinity College). These are called the University Constituencies.

A Seanad Éireann election in the University Constituencies takes place within 90 days of the dissolution of Dáil Éireann, and is strictly a postal vote.

What is the Seanad Éireann Register?

The Seanad Éireann Register published on 1st June each year is a list of the names, addresses and qualifications of National University of Ireland (NUI) graduates, other than honorary graduates, who are citizens of Ireland and who have registered to vote in Seanad Éireann elections (NUI constituency).

The NUI constituency comprises the constituent universities (UCC, UCD, NUI Galway, Maynooth University); the recognised colleges, (RCSI, IPA (from September 2018), Uversity) and colleges linked with constituent universities, (Burren College of Art, NCAD, St Angela's College, Shannon College of Hotel Management). You may also be a graduate of NUI if your university or college was a member of NUI in the past. Please check www.nui.ie for specific details.

Registration on the register is not automatic; graduates must claim to be registered.

How do I claim to be registered?

Graduates must complete, sign and return a Registration Claim Form to NUI.

The form can be downloaded from the National University of Ireland website: www.nui.ie/elections/seanad-register.asp

Completed forms should be returned by post to: **Records Office, National University of Ireland, 49 Merrion Square, Dublin 2, D02 V583.**

Alternatively graduates can request a form by writing or emailing NUI.

Forms can also be scanned, attached to an email and sent to: records@nui.ie

To ensure that you retain your vote, graduates should inform NUI of any changes of name and address.

What happens next?

NUI graduates only need to register once in order to claim their right to vote. Completed forms received at the NUI Office by **26th February** in any given year will be processed for inclusion in the revised register published on the 1st June of that year.