

SEANAD ÉIREANN ELECTION, UNIVERSITY MEMBERS, NUI CONSTITUENCY

FORM OF NOMINATION

We, the undersigned,

_____ of _____

in the _____ of _____

and

_____ of _____

in the _____ of _____

being registered electors of the constituency of **NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND** do hereby nominate the following person to serve in Seanad Éireann as a member for the said constituency:

Surname	Other Names	Home Address	Rank, Profession or Occupation

Photographs attached for inclusion on ballot paper (see note overleaf).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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(Signed) _____

(Signed) _____

We, the undersigned, being registered electors for the constituency of **NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND** do hereby assent to the nomination of the above-mentioned

_____ as a proper person to serve as a member for the said constituency.

(Signed) _____ of _____

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Note

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AND

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THE ONUS IS ON THE CANDIDATE TO MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS.

TOGHCHÁN SHEANAD ÉIREANN, BAILL PRÍOMH SCOILE, TOGHLACH OLLSCOIL NA hÉIREANN

FOIRM AINMNIÚCHÁIN

Ainmnímid, a bhfuil ainmnithe thíos,

de _____

sa _____ de _____

agus

de _____

sa _____ de _____

a bheith inár dtoghthóirí cláraithe den thoghlach **OLLSCOIL na hÉIREANN** an duine seo a leanas d'fhonn oibriú i Seanad Éireann mar bhall ar son an toghlaigh ainmnithe.

Sloinne	Ainmneacha eile	Seoladh	Rang, Gairm nó Post

Grianghraif greamaithe le bheith iniata ar an bpáipéar ballóide (féach an nóta thall).

Sea

Ní hea

(Sínithe) _____

(Sínithe) _____

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mar dhuine ceart d'fhonn freastal mar bhall an toghlaigh ainmnithe.

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AGUS

- Dhá chóip chlóbhuailte cheannanna chéanna den ghrianghraf.

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IS AR AN IARRTHÓIR ATÁ AN DUALGAS NA CEANGLAIS SEO A SHÁSAMH

SEANAD ÉIREANN ELECTION, UNIVERSITY MEMBERS, NUI CONSTITUENCY

FORM OF NOMINATION

We, the undersigned,

_____ PROPOSER _____ of _____ STREET ADDRESS _____

in the _____ TOWN / CITY _____ of _____ COUNTY _____

and

_____ SECONDER _____ of _____ STREET ADDRESS _____

in the _____ TOWN / CITY _____ of _____ COUNTY _____

being registered electors of the constituency of **NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND** do hereby nominate the following person to serve in Seanad Éireann as a member for the said constituency:

Surname	Other Names	Home Address	Rank, Profession or Occupation
BLOGGS	TERRY	1 Main Street Newtown County Z	Administrator

Photographs attached for inclusion on ballot paper (see note overleaf).

Yes

No

(Signed) _____ *Proposer* _____(Signed) _____ *Secunder* _____We, the undersigned, being registered electors for the constituency of **NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND** do hereby assent to the nomination of the above-mentioned

_____ TERRY BLOGGS _____

as a proper person to serve as a member for the said constituency.

(Signed) _____ *Assentor One* _____ of _____ *Address* _____(Signed) _____ *Assentor Two* _____ of _____ *Address* _____(Signed) _____ *Assentor Three* _____ of _____ *Address* _____(Signed) _____ *Assentor Four* _____ of _____ *Address* _____(Signed) _____ *Assentor Five* _____ of _____ *Address* _____(Signed) _____ *Assentor Six* _____ of _____ *Address* _____(Signed) _____ *Assentor Seven* _____ of _____ *Address* _____(Signed) _____ *Assentor Eight* _____ of _____ *Address* _____

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FOIRM AINMNIÚCHÁIN

Ainmnímid, a bhfuil ainmnithe thíos,

_____ TAIRGEOIR _____ de _____ SRÁID _____

sa _____ BAILE _____ de _____ CONTAE _____

agus

_____ CUIDITHEOIR _____ de _____ SRÁID _____

sa _____ BAILE _____ de _____ CONTAE _____

a bheith inár dtoghthóirí cláraithe den thoghlach **OLLSCOIL na hÉIREANN** an duine seo a leanas d'fhonn oibriú i Seanad Éireann mar bhall ar son an toghlaigh ainmnithe.

Sloinne	Ainmneacha eile	Seoladh	Grang, Gairm nó Post
BLOGGS	TERRY	1 Príomhsráid Baile Nua Contae Z	Riarthóir

Grianghraif greamaithe le bheith iniata ar an bpáipéar ballóide (féach an nóta thall).

Sea

Ní hea

(Sínithe) _____ *Tairgeoir* _____(Sínithe) _____ *Cuiditheoir* _____

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mar dhuine ceart d'fhonn freastal mar bhall an toghlaigh ainmnithe.

(Sínithe) _____ *Toghthóir Toilitheach 1* _____ de _____ *Seoladh* _____(Sínithe) _____ *Toghthóir Toilitheach 2* _____ de _____ *Seoladh* _____(Sínithe) _____ *Toghthóir Toilitheach 3* _____ de _____ *Seoladh* _____(Sínithe) _____ *Toghthóir Toilitheach 4* _____ de _____ *Seoladh* _____(Sínithe) _____ *Toghthóir Toilitheach 5* _____ de _____ *Seoladh* _____(Sínithe) _____ *Toghthóir Toilitheach 6* _____ de _____ *Seoladh* _____(Sínithe) _____ *Toghthóir Toilitheach 7* _____ de _____ *Seoladh* _____(Sínithe) _____ *Toghthóir Toilitheach 8* _____ de _____ *Seoladh* _____

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DAIL AND SEANAD FREE POSTAGE SCHEME

Litir um Thoghchán

Specifications

<u>Size</u>	DL Card = 210 x 99 mm including crop marks & supplied 3up on A4 Sheet. A4 folded to DL = similar size requirement as DL. Must be roll-folded to ensure there is one completely closed leading edge. Other edge to be tabbed or spot glued. Supplied banded in 200's & packed in boxes. Boxes to be Numbered, Labelled & Identified i.e. Candidate/Party/Constituency.
<u>Paper weight</u>	170 gsm to 180 gsm.
<u>Paper Type</u>	Offset Challenger Uncoated or Laser Compatible or Pulp Board (Fodhla)
<u>Inks</u>	Laser Compatible or Capable of receiving ink or Finished using an Aqueous Sealer
<u>Artwork</u>	Card must include the words “Litir um Thoghchán” or “Election Communication” on the address side in the position of a postage stamp (upper right hand corner). In addition the name of the constituency should also be contained on the material.
<u>Address Area</u>	The address area should measure 80mm x 36mm and be located to the front and centre of the mail piece. It should be located front and centre of mailing item as per previous elections. The address area should be completely void of any coatings, laminate, seal and ink.
<u>Specimen</u>	Sample of election material or a PDF file should be forwarded to An Post for approval prior to going to print.

Delivery & Packaging

All cards must be faced the same way, labelled & on Euro Pallets. Cardboard corners to be used on Pallets to prevent dog-earring. All palletised literature to be securely shrink-wrapped.

Delivery Date

All finished product delivered to An Post printers 18 WORKING DAYS prior to agreed Posting Dates.

NOT ACCEPTED

Any Varnish, Drying Powder or Spray Drying.
No form of finish that impedes Ink jetting.
No Gloss or Coated Paper.
No Colour, Finish or Sealer on address area.

AN POST CONTACT NUMBERS

GENERAL/SEANAD ELECTIONS HELPDESK
PHONE -01 7058489
FAX – 01 7058105

INSTITUTIONS IN THE NUI SEANAD ÉIREANN CONSTITUENCY

The NUI Constituency comprises graduates of the following institutions who otherwise fulfil the requirements laid down in the Seanad Electoral (University Members) Act, 1937:

NUI Constituent Universities

University College Dublin - National University of Ireland, Dublin	(University College Dublin)
University College, Cork - National University of Ireland, Cork	(University College Cork)
National University of Ireland, Galway	(formerly University College Galway)
National University of Ireland, Maynooth	(formerly St. Patrick's College Maynooth)

NUI Recognised Colleges

Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland	Recognition granted, July 14th 1977
National College of Art and Design	Recognition granted July 1st 1996 (First NUI conferring in 2000)
Shannon College of Hotel Management	Recognition granted November 9th 2000 (First NUI conferring in 2005)
Institute of Public Administration	Recognition granted January 16th 2001 (First NUI conferring in 2003)
Milltown Institute of Theology and Philosophy	Recognition granted September 1st 2005 (First NUI conferring in October 2006)

College of a Constituent University

(College of NUI, Galway)

St. Angela's College, Sligo	Recognition granted, April 13th 1978 Re-constituted as College of a Constituent University (NUI, Galway) from 1 January 2006
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Institutions which were formerly NUI Recognised Colleges

Mary Immaculate College of Education, Limerick	Recognition granted, April 17th 1975 (College of Limerick University as of October 1994)
NIHE, Limerick	March 11th 1976 - December 15th 1977 (re-constituted as University of Limerick, by Act, 1989)
Our Lady of Mercy College, Carysfort	Recognition granted, April 17th 1975
St. Patrick's College of Education, Drumcondra	Recognition granted, April 17th, 1975 (College of Dublin City University as of October 1995)
Thomond College of Education, Limerick	December 9th 1976 - December 15, 1977
St. Patrick's College Maynooth	February 23rd 1910 - June 1997
St. Angela's College of Education, Sligo	April 1978 - December 2005



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FOIRM ÉILIMH AG LORG/UM NUASHONRÚCHÁN TAIFÉAD CHÉIMÍTHE

Nóta Is gá beart a dhéanamh chun a bheith in ann vótáil. Tá gach saoraíoch d'Éirinn agus a fuair ceim, (seachas ceim oinigh) in Ollscoil na hÉireann agus ag a mbeidh ocht mbliana déag slán, beidh sé **i dteideal** a bheith cláraithe mar thoghthóir i dtoghadas Ollscoil na hÉireann ach clárú ar an liosta toghthóirí **a éileamh**. Tá gach eolas le fáil ar www.nui.ie/elections.

Don oifig amháin
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Comhlánaigh gach cuid den fhoirm seo, le do thoil.

SLOINNE (mar atá ar do Theastas Beireatais nó cláraithe ar Rollaí na hOllscoile, murab ionann)

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TÚSAINM(NEACHA) (mar atá ar do Theastas Beireatais nó cláraithe ar Rollaí na hOllscoile, murab ionann)

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LEAGAN SLOINNE EILE A USÁIDTEAR, Béarla / Pósta / Singil.

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(N.B. Ainm Pósta / Singil; Má tá tú cláraithe anois faoi do ainm singil, ach go dteastaíonn uait bheith cláraithe faoi do ainm pósta, ní foláir cóip de do theastas pósta a chur faoi iamh leis an bhfoirm seo.)

LÁ	LÁ	MÍ	MÍ	BL	BL

DÁTA BREITHE

AN SAORÁNACH D'ÉIRINN TÚ?

TÁ NÍL

SEOLADH BAILE

LUAIGH AN SEOLADH GUR CHUIGE IS MIAN LEAT GO GCUIRFÍ AN PÁIPÉAR BALLÓIDE (murab ionann)

SHEANSHEOLADH BAILE (le haghaidh aitheantais)

TEILEAFÓIN/FACS/RÍOMHPOST

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UIMHIR MHAACLÉINN (má tá sé ar eolas agat)

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CÉIM(EANNA) OÉ A BRONNADH ORT

Céim, m.sh. BA	Bliain a bronnta	Coláiste

DIOPLÓMA(Í) OÉ A BRONNADH ORT

Dioplóma	Bliain a bhronnta	Coláiste

Dearbhaím go bhfuil na sonraí thuasluaite fíor agus cruinn chomh fada le m'eolas agus le mo thuairim, agus éilím leis seo go gclárófaí mé mar thoghthóir Ollscoile le haghaidh Thoghadas Ollscoil na hÉireann, (sa chás nach bhfuil mé cláraithe cheana féin).

SÍNÍÚ

DÁTA

Foilsítear Clár Seanad Éireann OÉ ar an 1ú lá de Meitheamh gach bliain. Chun a bheith san áireamh, ní foláir an fhoirm chomhlánaithe a chur ar ais roimh an 26ú lá de Feabhra.

AN MIAN LEAT A BHEITH CLÁRAITHE ar an gClár Seanad Éireann **ATH-EAGRAITHE?** _____ Ceadáítear úsáid a bhaint as an Clár seo le haghaidh "gnó seachas, gnó toghcháin nó gnó reachtúil" gnó tráchtála san áireamh. [Alt 56(b) den Acht Toghcháin (Leasú) 2001]

Chun críocha Chlár na dToghthóirí a choimeád cruinn, cuir aon athrú in iúl don Oifigeach Clárachta, m.sh. athrú seolta, bás céimí etc.



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SEANAD ÉIREANN REGISTRATION CLAIM / GRADUATE RECORD UPDATE FORM

Note: Inclusion on the Seanad Register does not happen automatically. All citizens of Ireland who have been conferred with an NUI degree (other than an honorary degree) and have attained the age of eighteen years are **eligible** to become electors in the NUI constituency but **must claim** to be registered. Full information may be found at www.nui.ie/elections.

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Please complete all sections below.

SURNAME (exactly as on Birth Certificate, or as at College Registration if different)

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FIRST NAME(S) (exactly as on Birth Certificate, or as at College Registration if different)

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OTHER FORM(S) OF SURNAME USED, e.g. Irish, married, maiden

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(N.B. Married / Maiden Name, where applicable: If you are now registered in your maiden name, but wish to be registered in your married name, a copy of your Marriage Certificate must be lodged with this form.)

DATE OF BIRTH

D	D	M	M	Y	Y

ARE YOU A CITIZEN OF IRELAND?

YES **No**

PERMANENT ADDRESS

ADDRESS TO WHICH BALLOT PAPER SHOULD BE SENT
(if different)

PREVIOUS ADDRESS(ES) (identification purposes)

TELEPHONE/FAX/EMAIL

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STUDENT NUMBER (if known)

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NUI DEGREE(S) OBTAINED

Degree, eg, BA	Year Of Conferring	College Attended

NUI DIPLOMA(S) OBTAINED

Diploma	Year of Conferring	College Attended

I DECLARE THAT THE PARTICULARS GIVEN IN THIS FORM ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, AND (IF I AM NOT ALREADY REGISTERED), I HEREBY CLAIM TO BE REGISTERED AS AN ELECTOR FOR THE CONSTITUENCY OF THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND.

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

THE NUI SEANAD REGISTER IS PUBLISHED ANNUALLY ON 1 JUNE. FOR INCLUSION IN THIS REGISTER CLAIMS MUST BE RETURNED BY 26 FEBRUARY.

DO YOU WISH TO BE LISTED in the NUI **EDITED** Register of Electors? _____ This register may be used for 'a purpose other than an electoral or statutory purpose' including commercial purposes. [S.56(b) Electoral (Amendment) Act, 2001]

We wish to maintain accurate records, and therefore appreciate being informed of any pertinent amendments, e.g. change of address, notification of death of a graduate, etc.



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Who is the Registration Officer in the NUI constituency?

The Registrar of NUI, Dr. Attracta Halpin is, ex officio, the Registration Officer.

Who is the Returning Office for the NUI Seanad Éireann Elections?

The Returning Officer is, ex officio, the Vice-Chancellor of the National University of Ireland, or in his absence, another officer of the university. The current NUI Vice-Chancellor is Dr Hugh R. Brady , President of University College Dublin.

When does the Seanad Éireann election take place?

The Seanad Election takes place whenever a General Election occurs, and within 90 days of the dissolution of the Dáil.

What institutions comprise the NUI constituency?

The Constituent Universities, Recognised Colleges and Colleges which were formerly Recognised Colleges (the latter only for the period when they were within the NUI federation) ([see election pack for candidates download](#))

Are all NUI graduates automatically eligible to vote in Seanad elections?

No. Graduates must be citizens of Ireland and must claim to be registered.

NUI SEANAD ÉIREANN CANDIDATES

Who can be a candidate?

‘A person to be eligible for membership of Seanad Éireann must be eligible to become a member of Dáil Éireann’. Bunreacht na hÉireann, Art. 18.2 (Every citizen without distinction of sex who has reached the age of twenty-one years, and who is not placed under disability or incapacity by this Constitution or by law, shall be eligible for membership of Dáil Éireann. Bunreacht na hÉireann, Art. 16.1)

What does a candidate have to do?

A candidate has to be nominated, that is, must submit one completed Form of Nomination as prescribed on or before the date of close of nominations. (Candidates may find it helpful to refer to Sample of completed Form of Nomination ([see election pack for candidates download](#)))

Do candidates have to pay a deposit or other fee?

No.

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NOMINATIONS

What information is required in a Form of Nomination?

The candidate must give his/her name and address, and a description, which, 'in the opinion of the Returning Officer, is calculated sufficiently to identify the candidate'. (Seanad Electoral (University Members) Act, 1937) He/She must have a Proposer and Secunder and Eight Assentors. All ten must be registered NUI graduates (i.e. Listed in the Seanad Éireann Register) He/She must submit one completed Form of Nomination as prescribed ([see election pack for candidates download](#))

May a registered graduate be Proposer, Secunder or Assentor for more than one candidate?

Yes, an elector may act as proposer, secunder or assentor for up to three candidates.

How does a candidate know the date of close of nominations?

The information will be available on the NUI website and will be published in the national press. The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government will issue an Order, within a week of the dissolution of the Dáil, establishing three dates: the date of close of nominations, usually approximately three weeks from the date of dissolution the date of issue (ie posting) of ballot papers the date of the election (close of poll)

Can anyone object to a Form of Nomination?

Yes. Any objections to a Form of Nomination will be considered and ruled upon by the Returning Officer not later than one o'clock in the afternoon on the last day for receiving nominations. 'The ruling of the Returning Officer on an objection to a Form of Nomination or on any other question arising in relation to the nomination of the candidates shall be final and shall not be open to review by any Court.'

What happens on the day of Close of Nominations?

All duly completed Forms of Nomination must be received by the Returning officer at or before 12:00 noon at the NUI Office, 49 Merrion Square, Dublin 2 on the date of close of nominations.

While the Form of Nomination may be received prior to the official date, in any event all prospective candidates and/or, where relevant, their agents, will be invited to be present at the NUI Office on the day, and an information session for candidates and/or their agents will be held in NUI immediately following the close of nominations. The relevant officials from An Post will be invited to the information session to answer any queries about the free mailing-out of candidates' election material.

CANDIDATES' FREE MAIL-OUT

How does a candidate avail of the one-off free mail out?

Candidates will deal directly with An Post. (Contacts: **Tommy Dunne**, Key Account Manager - Government Sector, An Post, Sales & Marketing, GPO, O Connell St, Dublin 1; Mobile: 086-8151108; Fax : 01 809082 email: tommy.dunne@anpost.ie

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Each candidate is responsible for the production and printing of his/her election material for this purpose. The material must be in accordance with An Post's specifications (see election pack for candidates).

All other mailing out of campaign material, plus design, printing and packing, are at the discretion of the candidate and at his/her own expense.

An Post will require to approve final artwork not later than Monday 7th March by close of business. Once approved the candidate can proceed with arranging to print their material and to transport finished material to one of An Post's list of assigned printers for personalisation. Finished material should be with An Post's printer not later than Thursday 10th March by close of business.

This will allow sufficient time for An Post to personalise the material and to present the mail for onward delivery by Monday 21st March (the date of issue of ballot papers). An Post are not in the position to provide exclusive deliveries for any candidate given the short timeframe involved.

THE BALLOT PAPER

What is the format of the Ballot Paper?

Candidates are listed in alphabetical order on the ballot paper. Name, address and description (as stated in the respective Forms of Nomination) are required.

A candidate may, but is not required, to include a photograph; where a candidate chooses to use a photograph, it must be delivered with the completed Form of Nomination. ([see election pack for candidates download](#))

Note Section 56(d) of the Electoral (Amendment) Act 2001 amended section 20 of the Seanad Electoral (University Members) Act 1937 to allow for the inclusion of a photograph of the candidate on the ballot paper in a Seanad election. The Seanad Electoral (University Members)

(Prescribed Matters) (Amendment) Regulations 2002, as amended by the Seanad Electoral (University Members) (Prescribed Matters) (Amendment) Regulations 2007, set out the required specification of a photograph for inclusion on a ballot paper.

- If a candidate wishes to have his or her photograph included on the ballot paper, they must provide with the nomination paper: A photograph in digitised format (Jpeg) on a CD (passport size – 35mm x 45mm)

And

- Two identical printed copies of the photograph.

The photograph must be taken not more than 12 months prior to the day for the closing of the poll and must be of good quality, in colour and taken to a professional standard, showing the candidate's full face, head and shoulders only, on a light background (any colour). Each printed copy of the photograph must have the candidate's name clearly shown on the back. If the above requirements are not complied with, the returning officer may not include the photograph on the ballot paper. In these circumstances, or if no photograph is supplied, the space for the candidate's photograph will be left blank on the ballot paper.

THE ONUS IS ON THE CANDIDATE TO MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS.

How and when will the ballot papers be sent to the electorate?

Voting Papers are issued by registered post on the date set out in the Minister's Order. Because of the size of the two university electorates - currently 97,734 for NUI,

and approximately 54,000 for University of Dublin (Trinity College) - delivery of the registered post may take a number of days from the date of issue. Delivery of ballot papers sent to addresses overseas may be slower, depending on the efficiency of the

local postal service. Candidates and their Agents are entitled to attend at the issue of ballot papers.

What happens if the elector is not at the address to sign for the registered post?

The postman will leave a docket letting the addressee know that the post can be collected from the Post Office; if uncollected after three days, the envelope will be returned to NUI. On request, the ballot paper will be re-sent, again by registered post, provided the original envelope has been returned undelivered to NUI. The ballot paper will be re-sent to the same address unless the elector requests in writing (email, fax or ordinary post) that the returned ballot paper be re-sent to a different address.

How will a candidate or an elector know the date, time and place of the close of poll?

The date of the close of poll will appear on the label of the envelope sent to each elector and on the ballot paper itself. Agents of the candidates will be notified in writing of the time and place at which the count will take place. The information will also be available on the NUI website.

THE REGISTER

What is the Seanad Register?

The Seanad Éireann Register is a list of the names, addresses and qualifications of NUI graduates (other than honorary graduates) who are citizens of Ireland and who have claimed to be registered to vote in the NUI constituency in Seanad Éireann elections. The Register is revised annually, for publication each year on 1st June, to include the names of graduates who have submitted Registration Claim Forms in the preceding year. The deadline for receipt of Claim Forms in any given year is 26th February.

Once the revised Register has been published, is it possible to amend an address?

Yes, a graduate may, at any time, ensure that his/her details are up-to-date by posting, emailing: records@nui.ie or faxing a change of address form ([see election pack for candidates download](#))

or by emailing the following details to NUI:

- full name (forename[s] and surname) at registration
- any other form of name used (e.g. Irish, single, married etc)
- date of birth
- NUI degree(s) and other NUI qualification(s)
- year(s) of conferring(s) and NUI institution(s) where conferred
- previous address (for identification purposes)
- current address

The death of a graduate may also be notified to NUI at any time.

Are names ever removed from the Register?

Yes.

- on receipt of written request by a graduate to have his/her name removed
- on receipt of notification of the death of a graduate
- as provided by the Electoral (Amendment) Act 2001: 'after reasonable enquiry by the registration officer, whose address or the address to which the ballot paper is to be sent is unknown'. (S. 56)

Please note that any graduate whose name is removed from the Seanad Register under this provision and who wishes to be listed as an elector again, must submit a Registration Claim Form in the prescribed manner.

What Register will be used for the Seanad Election?

Once the Dáil is dissolved, the Seanad Register in use at that time will be the Register used for the Seanad Election. If the date of dissolution occurs a short time before 1st June, the Registration Officer will consult with the Minister of Environment Heritage and Local Government as to whether the newly revised Register may be used. This happened in 1997 and 2002, and in both cases permission was given to use the revised Register.

Who may purchase a Seanad Register?

Anyone may purchase the Seanad Register, either as a hard copy or on disc (subject to the provisions of the Data Protection Acts). The cost of the Register is calculated on a prescribed formula, and currently costs €147 in either format. The Seanad Register may be used only for electoral purposes.