

Who can vote and how do they do so?



Who can vote

Voters must be aged 16 years or over on election day and must be on the *Electoral Roll*.

How do you get on the Electoral Roll?

The *Electoral Roll* is maintained by the Committee of Home Affairs.

To be listed on it you must:

Be 15 years or older

Live in Guernsey

(for at least two years before the election)

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How do I decide who to vote for?

A few weeks before the election, candidates will send you a *manifesto*. This is a document which sets out their views on matters which affect the *States* and islanders. Some candidates might use social media and websites to publish their views and manifesto; it will also be printed in the *Guernsey Press*.

Some candidates will visit your home. This is your chance to ask them questions about the issues which affect you. Some candidates

might ask if you will vote for them, but you don't have to tell them – your vote is secret.

> There will also be a *Hustings*. This is a meeting where the public gets a chance to hear what the candidates have to say and ask them any questions they may have.

Where do I vote?

You can vote at a polling station or by post. Most voters enjoy the experience of voting in person at the polling station, however, for some people it's more convenient to vote by post.

In each of the Electoral Districts there are two or more polling stations. You may vote at any of the polling stations in your district but you can only vote once.

What happens at the polling station?

Your name and address will be checked on the *Electoral Roll* and you will be given a ballot paper.

You then go into a polling booth so that no one can look over your shoulder as you vote.

The names of all of the candidates in your *Electoral District* will be listed on the ballot paper. You put a cross next to the name of each candidate you wish to vote for.

Depending on which *Electoral District* you live in, you can vote for five or six candidates, although you do not need to use all of your votes if you do not want to.

When you have finished marking your ballot paper, you fold it in half and put it in the locked ballot box.

What next?

When the polling stations have all closed, the boxes will be unlocked and the ballot papers will be counted. The five or six candidates who receive the most votes in each *Electoral District* become our new *Deputies* and serve in the *States of Deliberation* for the next four years.

