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## How to vote on 6 May 2021

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**REMEMBER** – If you want to vote, you must be registered by Monday 19 April.

You can register online at [gov.uk/register-to-vote](https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)

### Can I vote if I don't have a fixed address?

Yes, you can still register to vote if you don't have a fixed address. You will need to register using the 'No fixed address registration form'. You should include the address of the place where you spend most of your time, or where you have a local connection. This is called a 'declaration of local connection'.

If you need more information or advice, contact your local electoral registration office. You can find their details and the registration form at [electoralcommission.org.uk/voter](https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voter)

### Do I have to vote in person?

No, you don't have to vote in person on 6 May. You can apply to vote by post (your ballot paper(s) will be sent to you in the post) or by proxy (where you appoint someone you trust to vote on your behalf). You can download the registration forms at [electoralcommission.org.uk/voter](https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voter)

The deadline to apply to vote by post in **England and Wales** is 5pm, 20 April 2021.

The deadline to apply to vote by post in **Scotland** is 5pm, 6 April 2021.

The deadline to apply to vote by proxy is 5pm, 27 April 2021.

### Where is my polling station?

The address of your polling station will be written on your poll card which you will receive a few days before election day. Your poll card will be sent to the address you chose for correspondence on your 'declaration of local connection' unless you said you would collect your correspondence from your local election registration office. Polling stations are often in buildings like schools and local halls and will be clearly signposted.

Polling stations will be open on election day (Thursday 6 May) from 7am to 10pm.

If you are voting by post and have forgotten to send your vote back before election day, you can also take your completed postal vote to a polling station in the same area.

## Do I need to take my poll card to vote at a polling station?

No, you do not have to take your poll card to your polling station, but it may make it easier for you if you do.

At the polling station, you will need to tell the officers your name and address. They will then check that you are registered to vote before giving you your ballot paper(s).

## Can someone support me to vote if I have difficulty reading or writing?

Yes, if you need help to cast your vote you have two options:

- You can ask the Presiding Officer at the polling station (this is the person who is in charge) for help, or
- You can ask someone to come to the polling station and support you who is either:
  - a close family member (father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, civil partner, son or daughter – if they are aged 18 years or over), or
  - a person who would be entitled to vote at the election. This can be a support worker, as long as they are entitled to vote themselves.

If you want someone to support you to vote, you should talk to the Presiding Officer at the polling station. The Presiding Officer will ask your supporter to sign a form saying that they will be supporting you to vote. A person may only support up to two voters at the same election.

Your supporter can help you by reading out and explaining who you can vote for. Your supporter can also mark your ballot paper(s) for you.

## What if someone says I cannot vote because I am a Gypsy or Traveller?

Everyone has the right to vote. As long as you are registered to vote at the election, nobody can say you are not allowed to vote.

If you are registered to vote and you encounter an issue at your polling station – you should raise this directly with the person in charge who is called the Presiding Officer.

**To contact the Travellers Movement – Operation Traveller Vote  
please call 020 7607 2002**

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