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Polling day on 18 May in Northern Ireland    On this page Check where your polling station is On polling day Casting your vote Questions on polling day Posted: 11 May 2023 Local elections on 18 May This time next week, on Thursday 18 May, polling stations will be open across Northern Ireland for the local elections. Check where your polling station is You can enter your postcode into our search to check where your polling station is. Your polling station will also be on your poll card, which you'll receive through the post a few weeks before polling day. When you enter your postcode, you'll also be able to find out who is standing as a candidate in the election in your area. Enter your postcode Enter your postcode to check where your polling station is and who your candidates are Enter a postcode Submit Postcode On polling day Polling stations will be open from 7am to 10pm on Thursday 18 May. If there's a queue at your polling station, you'll still be able to vote as long as you joined the queue before 10pm. You'll need to take photo ID with you to vote at the polling station. Check which forms of photo ID you can use . There will be pencils for you to use at the polling station, but you can take your own pen if you would like. Casting your vote In Northern Ireland, local council elections use the single transferable vote system. Your ballot paper will list the names and political parties of the candidates in your area. You put a '1' in the box next to your first choice candidate, a '2' next to your second choice, a '3' next to your third choice and so on. You can do this for as many or as few candidates as you like. You do not have to put a number beside every name if you don't want to. You can just vote for one candidate. Remember to check and follow the instructions on your ballot paper. Questions on polling day If you have questions on polling day, you can contact the Electoral Office for Northern Ireland . Related content Voting in person Voting in person on polling day? Learn more about what to expect when you go to the polling station. Elections in your area Enter your postcode to find your electoral services team at your local council. You need to send your postal and proxy vote application forms to them. Voter Campaign material and campaigning on polling day Find out about campaign material and campaigning on polling day.