How to Vote in the Online General Election 2025

The following instructions explain how to cast or update your vote in the online voting system for the General Election 2025. You may change your vote at any time until the election closes.

1. **Previous Participation**
   You will be asked whether you have already voted in this election.

   - Select **"No"** if this is your first time voting.
   - Select "**Yes"** if you wish to change a vote you have already submitted.

2. **Identification of Previous Voting**
   If you selected "Yes", the system will display a list of pictures.

   - Select **all** pictures that you have seen during any previous voting attempt.
   - This includes pictures shown after both successful and unsuccessful attempts.
   - You must select every picture you recognise.

   If the correct pictures are not selected, your vote will **not** be updated. For security reasons, the system will not indicate whether your selection is correct.

3. **Voting**
   Select a candidate, review your choice carefully, and submit your vote.

4. **Vote Identifier**
   After submitting your vote, the system will display a picture.

   - This picture allows you to change your vote later, if you choose to do so.
   - The picture does **not** reveal which candidate you voted for.

   For security reasons, do not store or share this picture.

Why is the identification of prior voting required?

The voting system allows voters to change their vote while maintaining election security. Identifying previously seen pictures verifies that you were present during earlier voting sessions and are therefore authorised to update your vote.

Voting safely if you are under coercion

The voting system is designed to protect voters from being pressured or forced to vote in a particular way. Depending on when the pressure occurs, follow the instructions below.

1. **If you have already cast your true vote *before* the pressure occurs**

   If you have voted freely before being coerced, you can comply with the coercer without changing your original vote.

   When asked whether you have voted before in step 1, you may either:

   - Select **"No"**, even if you have voted previously, **or**
   - Select **"Yes"** and provide an incorrect list of pictures in step 2.

   Either option will result in an **invalid new vote**. An invalid vote **does not replace** your earlier valid vote, which will continue to count. The system does not indicate whether a vote is valid or invalid, so an external observer cannot tell whether your actions changed your vote.

2. **If you have not cast your true vote *before* the pressure occurs**

   If you are forced to vote before having the opportunity to vote freely, you can later correct your vote. To do this:
   1. Return to the voting system when you are alone.
   2. When asked if you have voted before, select **"Yes"** in step 1.
   3. Select the picture that was shown to you during the coerced voting session in step 2.
   4. Submit your true voting choice in step 3.

   Because the system recognises the picture from the earlier session, your new vote will **replace the coerced vote** and become your valid vote.

Need Assistance

If you encounter any problems while using the online voting system, please contact the election officials at: XXXXXXXX.