

Family & Care Referendums 2024

What is Happening?

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The Irish government is to hold a Referendum on March 8th 2024 to make changes to the Irish Constitution in relation to the concept of family and to care provided by family members.



What is Government?

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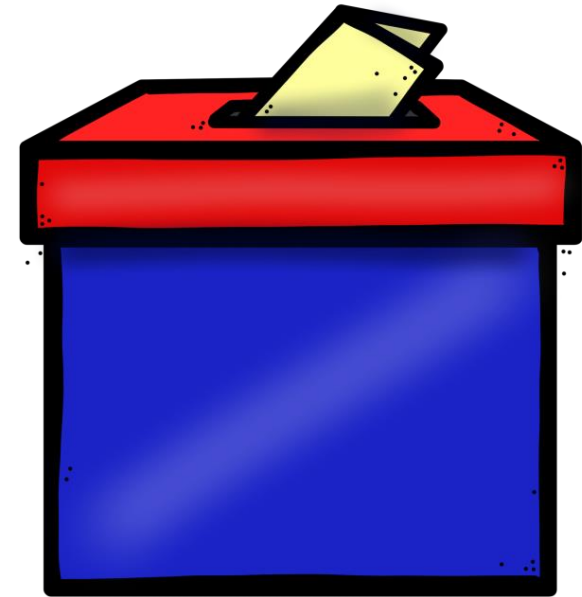


Government
refers to the
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What is a Referendum?

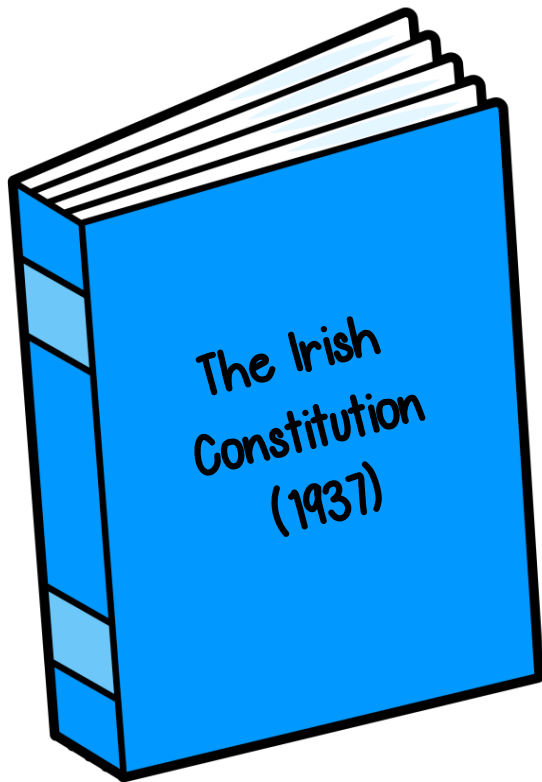
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A Referendum is a vote of the citizens in a country, necessary to change something in the Constitution.



What is a Constitution?

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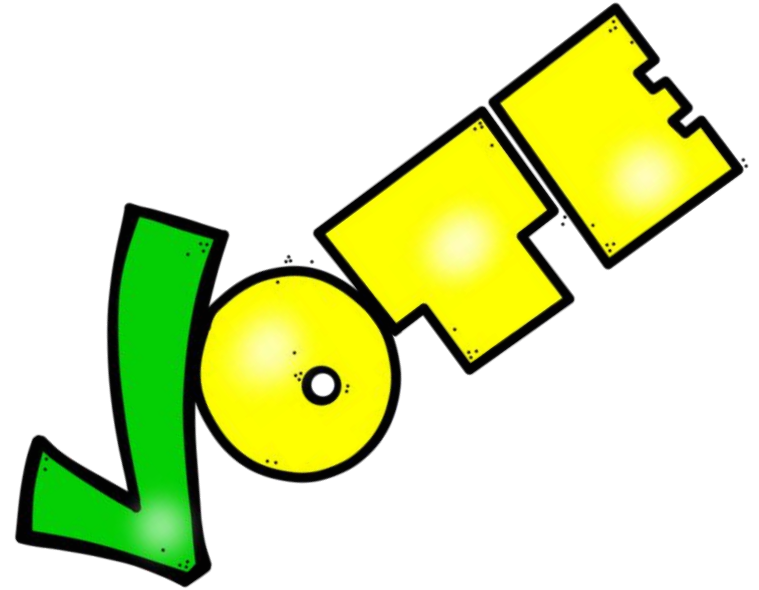


A Constitution is a system of principles according to which a state/nation is ruled. These are usually written in a document called the Constitution.

How is the Constitution Altered?

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The Constitution can only be altered by citizens of a country in a special vote called a Referendum.



Polling Day

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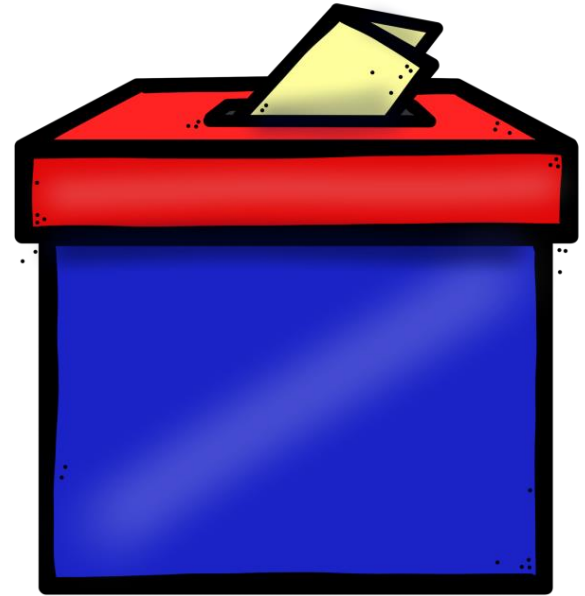


The Referendums are being held on Friday March 8th 2024, this is called Polling Day. Polling Stations will be open from 7am until 10pm to allow people to vote.

Who Can Vote?

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Irish citizens over the age of 18 who are living in Ireland and who are on the Electoral Register are entitled to vote in a referendum.



How do you Vote?

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In this 2024 referendum, there are two Ballot Papers, one for each referendum proposal to change the Constitution. One Ballot Paper is white and one is green.

How Do You Vote?

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An bhfuil tú ag toiliú leis an togra chun an Bunreacht a leasú atá sa Bhille thíosluaite?
Do you approve of the proposal to amend the Constitution contained in the undermentioned Bill?

An Bille um an Naoú Leasú is Tríocha ar an mBunreacht (An Teaghlach), 2023
Thirty-ninth Amendment of the Constitution (The Family) Bill 2023

Ná cuir marc **ach san aon chearnóg amháin**
Place a mark in **one square only**

Má thoilíonn tú, cuir X sa chearnóg seo.....
If you **approve**, mark X in this square.....

<input type="checkbox"/>	Tá Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Níl No

Mura dtoilíonn tú, cuir X sa chearnóg seo.....
If you do **not approve**, mark X in this square.....

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An Bille um an Daicheadú Leasú ar an mBunreacht (Cúram), 2023
Fortieth Amendment of the Constitution (Care) Bill 2023

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Tá Yes
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Mura dtoilíonn tú, cuir X sa chearnóg seo.....
If you do **not approve**, mark X in this square.....

You vote for the referendum proposals by putting "X" in the "Yes/Tá" box on the Ballot paper and you put "X" in the "No/Níl" box to make no change to the Constitution.

Before You Vote

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In advance of the referendum votes, you can come across lots of information, especially online or on Social Media, about the referendums. Some of this information may not be true or accurate. It may also be misleading, either intentionally or unintentionally or it may be deliberately false.

Before You Vote

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Always ask yourself:

- How do I know this is true?
- Who is telling me this?
- Why are they telling me this?
- How can I confirm this?
- Do I need to reconsider how I am going to vote?



The Family Amendment

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Mura dtoilíonn tú, cuir X sa chearnóg seo.....

If you do **not approve**, mark X in this square.....

<input type="checkbox"/>	Níl No
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This Ballot Paper will be white.

The Family Amendment 15

This proposed amendment concerns Article 41 of the Constitution which talks about the Family. At present, Article 41 of the Constitution talks about the important place that the family based on marriage has in Irish society and how it must be protected.

The Family Amendment 16

At present, Article 41 refers to families based on marriage. This proposed amendment asks if you think that changes should be made to Article 41 of the Constitution to include in it not only the family based on marriage, but also the family based on other lasting relationships.

The Care Amendment

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If you **approve**, mark X in this square.....

	Tá Yes
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Mura dtoilíonn tú, cuir X sa chearnóg seo.....

If you do **not approve**, mark X in this square.....

	Níl No
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This Ballot Paper will be green.

The Care Amendment

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This proposed amendment is about asking if the way the Constitution talks about the life of women and duties of mothers in the home should be taken out. Instead, the Constitution would talk about care by family members to each other.

The Care Amendment

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At present, Article 41 of the Constitution says that the life of women in the home is an important support to Ireland. It also says that mothers should not have to go out to work for money reasons if this would remove them from their duties in the home.

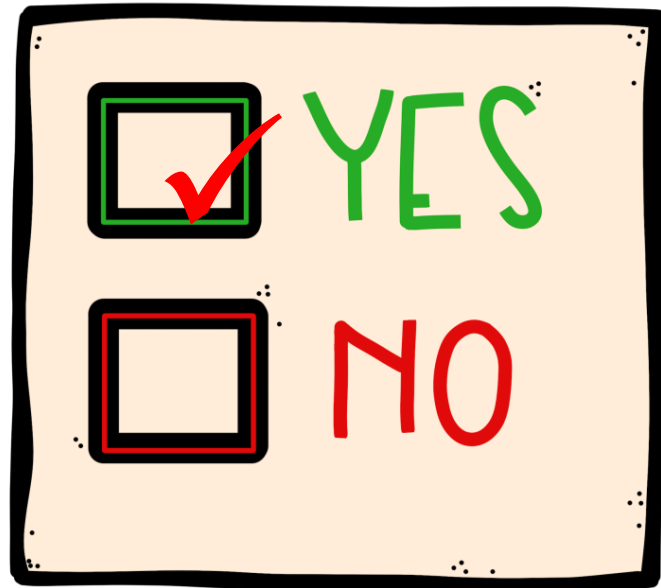
The Care Amendment

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This referendum asks if what's in Article 41 of the Constitution about women and mothers should be taken out, and that instead a new Article 42B should be put in that would talk about how the care given by family members to each other is an important support to Ireland.

If the Public Vote Yes

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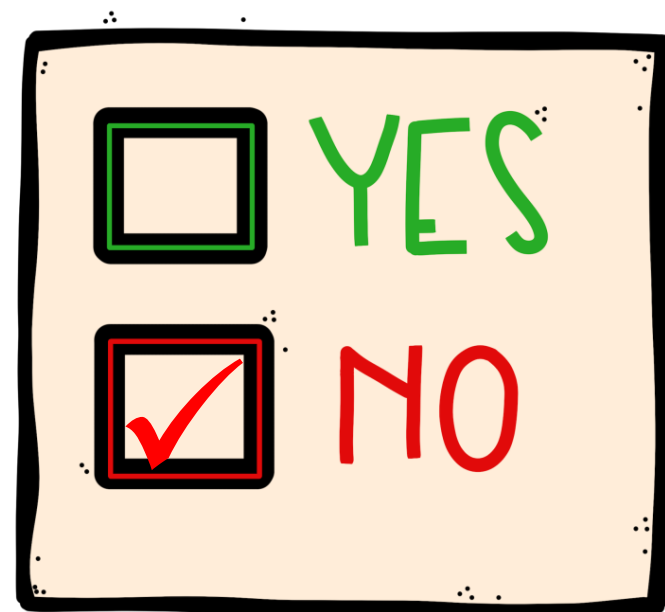


If a majority of citizens in the whole country vote “Yes/Tá” in either or both of these referendums, then the appropriate changes will be made to the Constitution.

If the Public Vote No

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If a majority of citizens in the whole country vote "No/Níl" in either or both of these referendums, then the Constitution will remain unchanged.



What Do You Think?

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- Do citizens really need to vote in a referendum at all? Should the government not just make the laws?
- Why do we need to close down schools in order for a Referendum to take place?
- Should Referendums not be held on Saturdays?
- Do you think people younger than 18 should be allowed to vote in this referendum?

What Do You Think?

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- Have you heard anything about the Referendums either on the News or online or on Social Media?
- Do you think information on Social Media could influence how people vote in a referendum?
- Why would people post misleading information about the Referendums online?
- How would you vote in these Referendums?

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