On Friday 25 May 2018, you will be asked to vote on a proposal to change our Constitution. The proposed change concerns the regulation of termination of pregnancy.

You will be asked to vote whether or not to delete Article 40.3.3 of the Constitution and replace it with a new one.

Article 40.3.3 means that it is lawful for a pregnancy to be terminated only where the pregnancy poses a real and substantial risk to the life of the mother. This includes a risk of suicide.

You can vote Yes or No

**Yes**

means deleting Article 40.3.3 and putting the following words in its place:

“Provision may be made by law for the regulation of termination of pregnancy.”

**No**

means the present Article 40.3.3 remains in the Constitution unchanged.

Do this before Tuesday 8 May.

For more information, visit the Referendum Commission website [https://refcom2018.refcom.ie/](https://refcom2018.refcom.ie/)

Voting in the 2018 Referendum

Important
Check if you are registered to vote.

Go to this link: [www.checktheregister.ie](http://www.checktheregister.ie)

If you are not on the register:
- print this form
- fill it out
- bring it to your local Garda station with photo identification and get it signed
- post it to your local authority.

Your vote counts.
Voting on Friday 25 May from 7am to 10pm

About a week before the referendum, you will get a **polling card** in the post. This will tell you where to go to vote – your nearest polling station.

Remember, bring photo identification and your name when you go to vote. Valid identification includes:

- Passport
- Driving Licence
- Bus pass
- College or work ID

You do not have to bring your polling card with you. Tell the officials your name and address.

How to vote

Use the ballot paper you get at the polling station to vote.

You can vote **Yes** or **No**.

Put a large X in the box next to your choice.

Do not mark any other part of the paper.

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An bhfuil tú ag toillú leis an togra chun an Bunreacht a leasú atá sa Bhille thiosluaite?

Do you approve of the proposal to amend the Constitution contained in the undermentioned Bill?

An Bhille um an Súil Leasú is Trílocha ar an mBunreacht, 2018

Thirty-sixth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 2018

Ná cuir marc **a chéanna amháin.**

Place a mark in **one square only**

Má thóitíonn tú, cuir X sa cheannóg seo ..........

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

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Mura dtóitíonn tú, cuir X sa cheannóg seo ..........

If you do **not approve**, mark X in this square ..........
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Do you approve of the proposal to amend the Constitution contained in the undermentioned Bill?

An Bille um an Séú Leasú is Triúcha ar an mBunreacht, 2018

Thirty-sixth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 2018

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

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

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

Tá       Yes

Níl      No
# Referendum and voting exercises

1. Match the term to the meaning. The first one is done for you.

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<td>Ballot box</td>
<td>A vote on a topic or question</td>
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<td>Ballot paper</td>
<td>The document that outlines the values and structures of the State and can only be changed with the agreement of the people</td>
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<td>Constitution of Ireland</td>
<td>A list of those who have the right to vote in national, local or European elections in Ireland</td>
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<td>Polling card</td>
<td>Irish head of state</td>
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<td>Polling station</td>
<td>A slip of paper that voters use to record their preferences in an election or referendum</td>
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<tr>
<td>President of Ireland</td>
<td>A place where people vote</td>
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<td>Referendum</td>
<td>A container for storing completed ballot papers</td>
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<td>Register of Electors</td>
<td>A card sent to a person's home before an election or referendum to tell the date and time of voting and where to vote</td>
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2. Fill in the blanks using the words below:

passport Constitution over referendum ballot paper polling card

A ________________ will take place in Ireland on 25 May.

Our ________________ can only be changed through a public vote.

You must be ________________ 18 to vote in a referendum.

Your ________________ tells you where to go to vote.

A ________________ is a valid form of photo identification.

You mark an ‘X’ on your ________________ to vote.

3. See how many small words you can make using the letters in the word “Constitution”.

Example: it, tin, son

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