

DENTAL COUNCIL ELECTION TIMETABLE 2025

Notice of Elections	1 September 2025
Close of nominations	24 September 2025 (between 10am and 1pm)
Issue of ballot papers	by 3 October 2025
Poll Closes	22 October 2025 at 1pm
Count	23 October 2025 at 10am

Notice of Elections: This is the formal initiation of the election process. Legally, this notice must be placed in the legal section of at least one national newspaper, but the detailed information on the election process will be on the Dental Council website.

Close of Nominations: This is the time and date by which the Returning Officer must receive nominations to stand for election. To stand for election to the Dental Council, you must be registered and a practicing dentist, and you must be resident in the Republic of Ireland on the date the nominations close. Your nomination must be supported by six other registered dentists. Auxiliary dental workers only need to have their nomination supported by three other registrants.

The Returning Officer will rule on the validity of the nominations immediately after the nominations close. If there are more candidates than positions available, he will proceed to call an election. If there are the number or less of nominations than positions available, the nominated people will be deemed elected.

Issue of Ballot Papers: If there is to be an election in any class, the ballot papers must issue to all registrants within 10 days. To vote, you must complete identity form and mark your ballot paper in order of preference. The election system is the Single Transferable Vote (STV), and it is very similar to the system used in the Irish national elections.

Poll Closes: The Dental Council elections are held by postal ballot, and all ballot papers are to be returned the Dental Council offices and they are placed in a sealed ballot box. Votes may be returned to the Dental Council any time from when you receive your ballot to the date and time the poll closes.

Count: The count will be held in the Dental Council offices the day after the polls close. Only the candidates and their nominated election agent may attend the vote.

Place of the Count

The Count will take place in the Boardroom at 57 Merrion Square, Dublin 2, D02 EH90. Only the candidates and/or their election agents may attend the Count.

Returning Officer

David O'Flynn, Registrar is the Returning Officer for the Dental Council elections

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