



# Election of Teachers to The Teaching Council

## The Electoral Roll

All registered teachers who were on the Register of Teachers on **30 September 2011** are eligible to vote.

## The Provisional Electoral Roll (PER)

- On 25 November 2011 the Council published the Provisional Electoral Roll (PER)
- It contains the name, gender, teacher registration number, electoral category (including geographical constituency) and, where applicable, the school roll number of every eligible primary and post primary teacher
- It is available for inspection at [www.teachingcouncil.ie](http://www.teachingcouncil.ie) until **9 December 2011**
- Eligible teachers not on the PER, or whose details are incorrect, may apply to be entered or have their details amended – see “Key Dates” below
- The school address will normally determine the constituency for candidates and voting.

## Key Dates

### ELECTORAL ROLL

**30 September 2011** – Registration deadline for election purposes.

**25 November 2011** – Provisional Electoral Roll (PER) published on website

**9 December 2011** – Deadline for requests for amendments or additions to PER

**22 December 2011** – Electoral Roll available for inspection at Teaching Council offices.

### CANDIDATES

**10 January 2012** – Publication of notice of election and call for nominations.

**31 January 2012** – Closing date for nominations.

**9 February 2012** – Publication of list of candidates

### BALLOT

**9 February 2012** – Publication of notice of ballot

**17 February 2012** – Issue of ballot papers

**13 March 2012** – Close of ballot

### ELECTION RESULTS

**14 March 2012** – Count takes place

**End March 2012** – Results announced

## The Teaching Council An Chomhairle Mhúinteoireachta

November 2011

A Chairde,

The Teaching Council is made up of 37 members acting in a voluntary capacity as non-executive directors of the Council. Of the twenty-two places on the Council reserved for registered teachers, sixteen are elected and six are nominated by the teacher unions.

The term of office of the current Council will end on 27 March 2012 and, in advance of that date, elections will be held in February 2012 to elect the sixteen teachers to the new Council.

Let your voice be heard by taking an active interest in the elections. Please visit our dedicated elections page at [www.teachingcouncil.ie](http://www.teachingcouncil.ie)

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Brendan O'Dea  
Deputy Director and Returning Officer

## The Teaching Council 37 Members

### 11 Primary Teachers

- 9 elected by teachers
- 2 nominated by the INTO

### 11 Post-Primary Teachers

- 7 elected by teachers
- 2 nominated by the ASTI
- 2 nominated by the TUI

### 2 Nominated by the Colleges of Education

### 2 Nominated by specified third level bodies

### 4 Nominated by school management bodies

- 2 primary
- 2 post-primary

### 2 Nominated by national associations of parents

- 1 primary
- 1 post-primary

### 5 Nominated by the Minister including

- 1 Irish Congress of Trade Unions
- 1 Irish Business and Employers' Confederation

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## Candidate Nomination Criteria

- The nominee must be on the Electoral Roll
- The nomination paper must be signed by a minimum of 15 electors from the nominee's electoral category and constituency
- Nomination papers may be downloaded from the Council's website from 10 January 2012
- An elector may not sign more than one nomination paper
- The nominee must consent in writing to the nomination

## Teacher Categories & Geographical Constituencies

	No. of Seats
1. Primary	
• Connacht/Ulster	2
• Dublin	3
• Leinster	2
• Munster	2
2. Post-Primary (Voluntary)	
• Connacht/Munster/Ulster	2
• Leinster	2
3. Post-Primary (VEC)	
• Connacht/Munster/Ulster	1
• Leinster	1
4. Post-Primary (Community/Comprehensive)	
• Connacht/Leinster/Munster/Ulster	1

## Gender Balance & Panels of Candidates

The Teaching Council Act, 2001 makes specific provision for gender balance and the candidates in each geographical constituency will be sub-divided into panels as follows:

- One-seat constituency**  
1 panel  
– All candidates
- Two-seat constituency**  
2 panels  
– Male candidates  
– Female candidates
- Three-seat constituency**  
3 panels  
– Male candidates  
– Female candidates  
– All candidates
- Separate ballot papers will be available in respect of each panel
- Electors may vote on each ballot paper