

Scotland and Wales Vote 2016

Understanding the Devolved Elections

ELECTION DAY GUIDE



General Information

Election Day: Thursday 5 May 2016

Polls open: 7am

Polls close: 10pm

Eligible to vote: UK citizens, EU citizens and qualifying Commonwealth citizens resident in Scotland or Wales

Counting will begin in most areas straight after polls close. Results are expected to come in throughout Thursday night and Friday morning.

EU citizens are eligible to vote in subnational elections in the UK (including for the Scottish Parliament and National Assembly for Wales).

SCOTLAND

Outgoing Parliament (2011-2016)

As at dissolution on 24 March 2016

Scottish Government (64 MSPs)

Scottish National Party (SNP): 64

Opposition Parties (63 MSPs)

Scottish Labour: 38

Scottish Conservatives: 15

Scottish Liberal Democrats: 5

Scottish Greens: 2

Independent: 3

Others (2 MSPs)

Presiding Officer: 1

Vacant: 1

Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Primary location: Holyrood, Edinburgh

Number of seats: 129 All seats are up for election.

Constituency: 73 **Regional:** 56

Needed for majority: 65

Previous governments:

2011-2016 – SNP majority

2007-2011 – SNP minority

2003-2007 – Labour-Lib Dem coalition

1999-2003 – Labour-Lib Dem coalition

WALES

Outgoing Assembly (2011-2016)

As at dissolution on 6 April 2016

Welsh Government (30 AMs)

Welsh Labour: 30

Opposition Parties (30 AMs)

Welsh Conservatives: 14

Plaid Cymru: 11

Welsh Liberal Democrats: 5

National Assembly for Wales Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru

Primary location: Senedd, Cardiff

Number of seats: 60 All seats are up for election.

Constituency: 40 **Regional:** 20

Needed for majority: 31

Previous governments:

2011-2016 – Labour minority

2007-2011 – Labour min; Labour-Plaid coalition

2003-2007 – Labour minority

1999-2003 – Labour min; Labour-Lib Dem coalition



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