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## MANDATE

### **Maynooth University Close for National Elections**

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#### **Student Senate notes:**

National elections afford citizens the opportunity to express their democratic right to vote for who their representatives are. Most students are over the age of 18 and are eligible to vote. General elections, local elections and European elections take place roughly every five years.

#### **Student Senate further notes:**

Students in Maynooth University have lectures, labs and tutorials five days a week Monday to Friday and so students, lecturers and staff cannot travel home on a weekday to vote.

#### **Student Senate believes:**

Students and Student issues, like Higher Education Funding, are increasingly under-represented in Dáil Eireann. Students and young people are future employees and leaders and deserve a say in the future of their country at the ballot box.

#### **Student Senate therefore mandates:**

The MSU President to lobby Maynooth University to close on the day of polling of Irish General, Local, European Elections, and Referendums to facilitate students who need to travel home to vote.