

What's the Election period?

Voting papers will be sent out on Monday 12 November and the elections will close at midday on Monday 3 December 2018.

Eligibility to vote

All those, other than associate, retired and student members, who are in membership of the Union at the date voting commences, shall be entitled to vote in the election.

Which Elections are taking place?

District Seats

There are 17 districts

- 15 in England – four members, of which at least half of whom must be women and one from each section
- One in Wales – three members, of which at least half of whom must be women and one from each section
- One in Northern Ireland

A full list of candidates can be found on the website. The Elections are uncontested in districts 9, 15, 16 and 17

Section Equality Seats

Members on the relevant equality register(s) can vote for:

- LGBT+ member
- Disabled member
- Black member (uncontested election)

Sector Seats

Those working in the following sectors can vote for the following members:

- Independent
- Post-16
- Support staff (uncontested elections)

NAC/NDC

- District 4 re-run of election

The voting papers for the District elections, the Sector seats and the NAC/NDC election will be combined; Equality seat elections will be a separate mailing.

How does the voting system work?

Preferential System - Single Transferable Vote

When using a preferential system in a multi member constituency each eligible voter casts their vote by placing the candidates in their order of preference for election. At the count the first preference votes for each candidate are tallied and a quota of votes required for election is established. The quota is usually the total number of first preferences for all candidates divided by the number of seats to be elected plus one. In a four-member seat constituency the quote would be a fifth (4+1) of the votes cast. Any candidate who reaches the quota is elected. The count is conducted following a set of rules that provide either for the redistribution of the votes of elected candidates who have excess votes above the quota or excluding the candidates with the least number of votes.

The gender and former union requirements of the system would be incorporated into the system by if necessary, the 'guarding' of candidates. For example, if the exclusion of a woman would result in there not being two women remaining this candidate is guarded and the candidate with the least number of votes who is not a woman is excluded instead. Similarly, if the last remaining candidate of a former union is to be excluded then this candidate will be guarded and the candidate with the least number of votes from the other former union is excluded.

What's the period of office?

1 January 2019 to 31 August 2021

Member Queries

Members telephoning about any aspect of the election, including non-receipt of voting papers, should be asked to email their query to elections@neu.org.uk.