
NOTICE OF ELECTION

UK Parliamentary Election

For the **BEDFORD** Constituency

1. An election is to be held for a Member of Parliament to serve Bedford Constituency.
2. Nomination papers are available from the (Acting) Returning Officer, Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42 9AP, during the times stated below.
3. Completed nomination papers **must** be delivered by hand to the (Acting) Returning Officer, Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42 9AP, on any normal working day after the date of this notice, but not later than 4.00pm on Friday 7th June 2024 during office hours. The Electoral Services Office is open from 9.00am – 5.00pm (Monday-Thursday) and 9.00am – 4.30pm (Fridays).
4. The £500 deposit can be paid by cheque or bank transfer. Contact Elections@bedford.gov.uk for the bank details. Payment must be received by no later than 4pm on Friday 7th June 2024
5. If an election is contested the poll will take place on Thursday 4th July 2024 between the hours of 7am and 10pm.
6. New applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42 9AP by Tuesday 18th June 2024. You can apply online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote
7. New applications to vote by post and requests to cancel or change an existing postal or proxy vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42 9AP by 5.00pm on Wednesday 19th June 2024, if they are to be effective for this election. You can apply online at www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote
8. New applications to vote by proxy except on the grounds of a medical or work emergency must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42 9AP, by 5.00pm on Wednesday 26th June 2024 if they are to be effective for this election. You can apply online at www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote
9. Applications for a Voter Authority Certificate or an Anonymous Elector's Document valid for this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 5pm on Wednesday 26th June 2024. Applications for a Voter Authority Certificate can be made online: www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate
10. Applications to vote by proxy on the grounds of a medical or work emergency must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42 9AP by 5.00pm on Thursday 4th July 2024 if they are to be effective for this election.
11. All forms are available via The Returning Officer/Electoral Registration Officer, by e-mail to elections@bedford.gov.uk or by telephone on (01234) 718078.

Dated: Monday 3rd June 2024

Laura Church
(Acting) Returning Officer