Deputy Leadership contest 2025: Ballot FAQ

What is the eligibility requirement to receive a ballot?

Labour Party members with at least six months continuous membership of the Party prior to the 8 September 2025 shall be eligible to vote. The deadline for members in arrears to bring their membership into compliance is 27 September 2025.

Affiliated supporters who are not otherwise members of the Labour Party as defined above shall be eligible to vote provided that they meet the following criteria:

- They have at least six months continuous membership of the relevant affiliated organisation;
- Where applicable, they have opted in to the political levy of an affiliated trade union or are in good standing in any relevant subscription fees for affiliated socialist societies;
- They otherwise meet the conditions for membership of the Labour Party
- Shall declare at the point of voting that they support the aims and values of the Labour Party and are not individual members of the Labour Party.

How will ballots be sent out?

By default, ballots will be issued to eligible voters electronically using the email address held by their primary organisation. The sending of ballots will commence from **Wednesday 8 October 2025.**

Can eligible voters change their method of issue?

Eligible voters can opt in for a postal vote or provide their email address to vote online. These can be accessed via the following links:

Online Opt In – www.cesvotes.com/labourdeputyleaderonline
Postal Opt In - www.cesvotes.com/labourdeputyleaderpost

A ballot will only be emailed/posted where the details supplied match the database of eligible voters.

The deadline to request a postal ballot is **5pm on Friday 3 October 2025.**
The deadline to request an electronic ballot is **5pm on Monday 20 October 2025.**

Can eligible voters make accessibility requests?

Large print postal ballots will be available. These can be requested by contacting the primary organisation that the eligible voter holds voting rights with in this election.

When will eligible voters expect to receive their ballot?

Ballots will be issued from **Wednesday 8 October 2025.** Ballots should be received by no later than the following dates:

Electronic – **Monday 13 October 2025**
Postal – **Wednesday 15 October 2025**

How will ballots be re-issued?

If an eligible voter has not received their ballot by these dates, they should request their ballot to be re-issued.

Due to the timeframes of the contest, ballots will **only be issued electronically.** Once voting is open there is a "where is my security code" function on the login page of the ballot site that will resend an email to anyone eligible who already has an email address in the database of eligible voters.

If the email address is not held, the voter should complete the online opt in web form here

Who should voters contact if they have any queries about their ballot eligibility?

Voters should contact the organisation that they believe they have voting rights with in this election. If a voter is a member of both the Labour Party and an eligible union/society then they should contact the Labour Party as the primary organisation.

Labour Party members can contact the Party by email or phone to resolve any ballot queries. This can be done as follows:

Telephone – 0345 092 22 99 selecting option 4 for ballot queries
Email – labourmembership@labour.org.uk

The Labour Party will respond to all queries within 48hrs