

UK GENERAL ELECTION 2019

Key Manifesto Policies Summary

CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST PARTY

Get Brexit Done: Unleash Britain's Potential (available [here](#))

Brexit

- Place the revised Brexit deal before Parliament before Christmas.
- Keep the UK out of the single market and any sort of customs union.
- No extension of the implementation period beyond December 2020.

Economy

- Introduce an Oil and Gas Sector Deal.
- Tailor trade deals to the requirements of UK economy and aim to have 80% of UK trade covered by free trade agreements in the next three years.

Taxation

- No increases in income tax, National Insurance or VAT.
- Review and reduce Business Rates, beginning with retailers, grassroots music venues, small cinemas and pubs.
- Implement a digital services taxation band.
- Review alcohol duty to protect Scotch Whisky.

Climate Change

- Deliver the target of net zero carbon emissions by 2050 for the UK.
- Ask other countries to match 2050 net zero target at the UN Climate Change Summit in Glasgow in 2020.
- Invest £4bn in environmental projects, including electric vehicle infrastructure and clean energy.
- Deliver two million new green jobs.
- Invest £500m into industries transitioning into low-carbon technology.
- Support gas for hydrogen production and support nuclear energy, including fusion.
- Increase commitment to renewable energy.
- Support clean transport and strengthen legislation on air quality.
- Consult on the phasing out of new conventional petrol and diesel cars as early as possible.

Skills & Education

- Create a new £3bn National Skills Fund.
- Increase the Employment Allowance for small businesses.
- Expand start-up loans.
- Review and improve the Apprenticeship Levy.
- Establish 20 Institutes of Technology.
- Use £500m of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund to give disadvantaged people skills.

Migration

- Create an Australian-style points-based immigration system.
- Require migrants to contribute to the NHS and make payments to the system before receiving benefits.
- Introduce job requirement for most people coming into the UK.
- Introduce NHS Visa for qualified doctors, nurses and allied health professionals.
- Fast-track entry for top technology and science graduates.
- Introduce a student visa to help universities.
- Introduce a start-up visa for entrepreneurs.

Infrastructure & Transport

- No new public money for a third runway at Heathrow Airport and introduce a requirement to meet air quality and noise obligations.
- Work to encourage electric and low-carbon flights.

GREEN PARTY

If Not Now, When? (available [here](#))

Brexit

- Campaign for a second referendum to stop Brexit.
- Guarantee the full rights of EU citizens and their families living in the UK, including the right to automatic settled status.

Economy

- Introduce Universal Basic Income, providing every UK citizen with £89 per week.
- Support creation of network of regional mutual banks to provide funding for start-up companies.

Taxation

- Remove subsidies to the oil and gas industries.
- Replace the Income Tax threshold with Universal Basic Income.
- Increase the rate of Corporation Tax from 19% to 24%, in line with the OECD average.

Climate Change

- Achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2030 for the UK.
- £100 million-per-year investment plan to deliver Green New Deal over next 10 years.
- Introduce Frequent Flyer Levy to reduce impact of 15% of people who take 70% of flights.
- Apply Carbon Tax on all fossil fuel imports and domestic extraction, based on greenhouse gas emissions produced when fuel is burnt.

Skills & Education

- Remove charitable status from private schools and charge full VAT on fees.
- Fully fund every higher education student and scrap undergraduate tuition fees.

Infrastructure & Transport

- End sale of new petrol and diesel fuelled vehicles by 2030.
- Provide more bus priority measures to improve punctuality.
- Give all local authorities control over local bus services.

LABOUR PARTY

It's Time for Real Change (available [here](#))

Brexit

- Negotiate a new deal with the EU within three months of coming to power, including a permanent UK-wide customs union; close alignment with the single market; alignment with EU worker, consumer and environmental rights; continued participation in EU agencies and funding programmes; and clear commitments on future security arrangements.
- Hold a legally binding referendum within six months with the options being the new deal or staying in the EU.
- Rule-out a no-deal Brexit and stop spending on preparations for this outcome.

Economy

- Create a Sustainable Investment Board to bring together the Chancellor, Business Secretary and Bank of England Governor to oversee, co-ordinate and bring forward investment priorities.
- Ask the Office for Budget Responsibility to incorporate climate and environmental impacts into its forecasts.
- Launch a National Transformation Fund of £400bn and rewrite the Treasury's investment rules to achieve climate and environmental targets.
- Provide the Scottish National Investment Bank with £20bn of lending power to deliver funds to local projects and Scotland's small businesses.
- Create a National Investment Bank, backed up by a network of Regional Development Banks, to provide £250bn of lending for enterprise, infrastructure and innovation over ten years.

Taxation

- Increase Corporate Tax from 19% to 21% from April 2020, rising to 26% by 2023
- Increase income tax on people earning more than £80,000 a year from 40% to 45%.
- Freeze National Insurance and income tax for those earning below £80,000.
- Freeze VAT.
- Enforce maximum pay ratios in the public sector of 20:1.
- Introduce year-on-year public sector pay increases, starting with a 5% increase.
- Eradicate in-work poverty in first term of a Labour government.
- Introduce a Real Living Wage of at least £10 per hour for all workers aged 16 and over.
- Pilot a Universal Basic Income.

Climate Change

- Achieve a sizeable majority of carbon emissions reductions to net zero by 2030 for the UK.

- Introduce a Green New Deal to decarbonise the UK economy, creating one million jobs to transform industry, energy, transport, agriculture and buildings, and restore nature.
- Introduce a Climate & Environment Emergency Bill setting out in law robust, binding new standards for decarbonisation, nature recovery, environmental quality and habitats and species protection.
- Achieve net-zero-carbon food production in Britain by 2040.
- Invest £6bn in retrofitting houses across Scotland to tackle the climate emergency, lower bills, end fuel poverty and create 35,000 jobs.
- Windfall tax on the oil and gas industry to raise £11bn.

Skills & Education

- Helping facilitate a smoother process for employers to spend the Apprenticeship Levy for a broader range of accredited training.
- Launch a Climate Apprenticeship programme where employers would be expected to allocate 25% of the funds in their Apprenticeship Levy accounts to train Climate Apprentices.
- Introduce targeted bursaries for women, BAME people, care leavers, ex-armed forces personnel, and people with disabilities to encourage them to take up Climate Apprenticeships.
- Reintroduce the Education Maintenance Allowance.
- Introduce entitlements for those in industries that feel the effects of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.
- Expand the Union Learning Fund for paid time off for training and development.
- End the free-market system in higher education.
- Abolish tuition fees and reinstate maintenance grants.

Migration

- Establish a humane immigration system built on human rights to meet the needs of the economy and public services.
- Stop the deportation of family members of people entitled to be in the UK and end minimum income requirements.
- Give refugees the right to work and access public services.
- Grant EU citizens the automatic right to live and work in the UK.

Infrastructure & Transport

- Enable local authorities to take public ownership of bus networks.
- Free bus travel for under-25s.
- Bring railways back into public ownership, using options including franchise expiry, which will also steer network planning and investments.
- Complete the full HS2 route to Scotland.
- Invest further in electric vehicle charging infrastructure and in electric community car clubs.
- Airport expansion must pass tests on air quality, noise pollution, climate change obligations and countrywide benefits.

THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

Stop Brexit and Build a Brighter Future (available [here](#))

Brexit

- Revoke Article 50 to prevent the UK leaving the EU as a majority government.
- Otherwise continuing the campaign for a second referendum that includes an option to remain in the EU.

Economy

- Invest £130bn in infrastructure to upgrade the transport and energy systems and build schools, hospitals and homes
- Introduce a budget based on wellbeing which uses wellbeing to inform government decision-making as well as economic and fiscal indicators.
- Expand the British Business Bank to perform a more central role in the economy.
- Give local authorities the power to set tourist levies.
- Establish a Green Investment Bank.

Taxation

- Increase Corporation Tax from 19% to 20%.

Skills & Education

- Introduce a Skills Wallet for every adult with £10,000 grant to spend on education and training throughout their lives – £4,000 at age 25, £3,000 at 40 and another £3,000 at 55. Individuals, their employers and local government will be able to make additional payments.
- Develop a national skills strategy for key sectors, including zero-carbon.
- Change the law so that flexible working is open to all.

Climate Change

- Begin phasing out of emissions from remaining hard-to-treat sectors by 2045 at latest.
- Invest in renewable power so that at least 80% of UK electricity is generated from renewables by 2030.
- Ban unconventional oil and gas or fracking.
- Invest in public transport, electrifying Britain's railways and ensuring that all new cars that are produced are electric by 2030.
- Just Transition funding for areas and communities negatively affected by transition to net zero.

Migration

- Maintain EU freedom of movement by stopping Brexit.
- Move policymaking on work permits and student visas out of the Home Office and establish a non-political agency to take over processing applications.
- Replace Tier 2 work visas with a merit-based system.
- Create a two-year visa for students so they can work after they graduate.

UK Industrial Strategy

- Build on the UK Industrial Strategy and policies that require cross-collaboration.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL PARTY

Stronger for Scotland (available [here](#))

Brexit

- Support a second EU referendum with Remain on the ballot paper.
- In the event of a 'no deal' Brexit, the SNP will support the revocation of Article 50.
- Best future for Scotland is to become an independent member of the EU.

Economy

- Protect Scotch whisky sector's EU protections and oppose any trade talks with the US until they drop recently implemented tariffs.
- Press UK Government to invest in digital connectivity, including superfast broadband and 5G technology.
- Call on UK Government to reduce VAT for hospitality sector, levelling playing field with other EU nations.
- Transition to net-zero at heart of Scottish National Investment Bank's work.

Taxation

- Address tax challenges from the digitalisation of the economy.
- Increase further action by the UK government to tackle international tax avoidance.

Skills & Education

- Establish a Climate Emergency Skills Action Plan to maximise the economic and social benefits of decarbonisation

Climate Change

- Achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2045 for Scotland.
- Support calls for firms to include climate change related disclosures in their annual reports.
- Demand UK accelerates its action to meet Scotland's climate change targets – the toughest legal targets in the world – of a 75% reduction in emissions by 2035.
- Campaign for UK government to bring forward plans to move to electric vehicles to match Scottish Government's target of 2032.
- Ensure that from 2024 all new homes must use renewable or low carbon heat.
- Make the Highlands & Islands the world's first net zero aviation region by 2040, with trials of low or zero emission flights from 2021

Migration

- Seek devolution of immigration powers, so that Scotland can have a migration system that works for our economy and society.
- Press for any potential seasonal migrant workers' scheme to meet the needs of workers and businesses in Scotland.

Infrastructure & Transport

- Invest over £500 million in improved bus priority infrastructure to make bus travel faster, greener option and encourage people out of their cars.
- Reduce emissions from Scotland's railways to zero by 2035.
- Press UK Government to commit to improvements on journey times between Scotland and London.

UK Industrial Strategy

- Press UK Government to introduce fit for purpose Sector Deals – including for manufacturing sector – focussed on supporting productivity improvements.

Rural Economy

- Resist UK Government retention of devolved powers over farming or fishing after Brexit.
- Call for UK Government to pay all costs to Scotland's rural economy resulting from Brexit.