



How do I register to vote?

- 1 Fill in the electoral registration form.
- 2 Make sure **you** complete all sections of the form and sign the 'declaration'.
- 3 Return your form as soon as possible to your Electoral Registration Office.

You can find the address at www.aboutmyvote.co.uk

Please **do not** return your form to The Electoral Commission. We **cannot** add you to the register. **Register as soon as you can**, or it may be too late to vote in the next election.

Who can register to vote?

- anyone aged 16 or over (but you cannot vote until you are 18)
- British citizens
- Qualifying Commonwealth citizens. This means citizens who have leave to enter or remain in the UK or do not require such leave.
- citizens of the Republic of Ireland or other European Union (EU) member states

British citizens, Irish citizens and qualifying citizens of Commonwealth countries (including Cyprus and Malta) can vote at all elections. If you are unsure as to whether you are a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, seek clarification from your Electoral Registration Officer.

Citizens of other EU member states resident in the UK can vote in local government elections but cannot vote in UK Parliamentary elections. Those resident in Scotland or Wales may also vote in Scottish Parliamentary or National Assembly for Wales elections. If you are an EU citizen and want to vote in European Parliamentary elections, you must fill in a separate form. Contact your local electoral registration office to ask for one.

What is the electoral register?

The electoral register is the list of everyone who is registered to vote. You must be on the register to vote in elections and referendums. You are **not** automatically registered, even if you pay Council Tax.

You can register to vote at any time. If you're not registered, for example, if you have moved home, you need to fill in a registration form.

Who has my personal details?

There are two versions of the register – the **full** version and the **edited** version. **Your details** will appear on the full version of the register, but you can **choose** whether or not your details appear on the edited register.

The full register is used for elections and referendums, preventing and detecting crime, and checking applications for credit. The edited register is available for general sale and can be used for commercial activities such as marketing.

More information

If you need more forms or have any questions about registering to vote, go to www.aboutmyvote.co.uk or contact your electoral registration office.

In England and Wales, the electoral registration office is based at your local council. In Scotland, it may be a separate office.

For contact details, go to www.aboutmyvote.co.uk or look in your phone book.

This form does not apply in Northern Ireland. Visit www.eoni.org.uk for more information.

