

Register to vote

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 at elections. You are not automatically registered, even if you pay Council Tax.

You can register to vote at any time. If you're not registered, if you've moved or if your name has changed, fill in the attached form.

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, 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.

How do I register to vote?

1. Fill in the form attached to this leaflet.
2. Make sure you complete all sections of the form and sign the 'declaration'.
3. Return the form to your local electoral registration office. For contact details, visit **www.aboutmyvote.co.uk**

Register as soon as you can, or it may be too late to vote in the next election.

Who can register to vote?

- anyone 16 or over (but you cannot vote until your 18th birthday)
- British or qualifying Commonwealth citizens. This means Commonwealth 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

Which elections can I vote in?

British citizens, Irish citizens and qualifying Commonwealth citizens (including those from Cyprus and Malta) can vote at all elections.

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.

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**

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

Other formats

Please visit **www.aboutmyvote.co.uk** if you need this information:

- as an audio file
- in large print
- in one of a number of other languages

For more information including to get this leaflet in Braille please contact your electoral registration office.



Electoral registration **form**

Only one person can apply to register using this form. Please write in black ink and use **BLOCK LETTERS**. When you have completed **every** section and signed the form yourself, send it to your electoral registration office. For address details, go to www.aboutmyvote.co.uk

1. About you

Surname

First name(s) (in full)

Title

Nationality (include dual nationality if appropriate)

If you are under 18 years old, please give your date of birth

Tick here if you are 70 years old or over (does not apply in Scotland).

2. Address (where you are currently resident)

You can only apply for registration at your current home. You can apply at your temporary home if you currently have no other home. There are some exceptions (e.g. students). If you have any questions regarding your residency, please contact your Electoral Registration Officer.

Postcode

Tick here if you **do not** want your name to be included on the **edited** register, which is available for general sale.

Daytime telephone or mobile number (optional)



3. Other information

Address where you were previously registered to vote

Postcode

Previous local council (if known)

Your name will be taken off the register for your previous address. If you think you should remain on the register at that address, please state the reason below.

Tick here to receive information on voting by post.

Tick here to receive information on voting by proxy (someone else voting for you).

4. Declaration

As far as I know, the details on this form are true and accurate. I understand that to provide false information on this form is an offence, punishable on conviction by imprisonment and/or a fine.

I confirm that I am a British, Irish, European Union or qualifying Commonwealth citizen.

Qualifying Commonwealth citizens are those who have leave to enter or remain in the UK or do not require such leave.

Signature

Date
