



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.

Who can register to vote?

- Anyone 16 or over (but you cannot vote until your 18th birthday).
- British or Commonwealth citizens.
- Citizens of the Irish Republic or other European Union (EU) countries.

Citizens of EU countries other than the UK or Irish Republic cannot vote in Westminster parliamentary elections, and must fill in a separate form to vote in European parliamentary elections.

How do I register to vote?

1. Fill in the form attached to this leaflet.
2. Make sure **you** sign the 'declaration'.
3. Return the form to your local electoral registration office.
4. Register as soon as you can. It may be too late once an election has been announced as it may take up to seven weeks to add your details.

More information

If you live in England and Wales, contact the electoral registration office at your local council. If you live in Scotland, contact your electoral registration officer.

This leaflet does not apply in Northern Ireland. Contact the Electoral Office for Northern Ireland at www.electoralofficeni.gov.uk for more information.

Other formats

You can get this leaflet on audiotape, on a British Sign Language video, in Braille, in large print and in various languages from your electoral registration office.

Visit

www.aboutmyvote.co.uk



Electoral registration form

Only one person for each form. If you need more forms, please photocopy this form, contact your electoral registration office or visit the website www.rollingregistration.co.uk. After you have completed this form, please return it to your local electoral registration office.

Please write in black ink and use BLOCK LETTERS.

1. About you

Surname

First names (in full)

Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss, Dr, other)

If you are a European Union citizen (other than British or Irish Republic), please say which country you are from.

If you are 16 or 17 years old, please give your date of birth.

If you are 70 years old in the next year, please give your date of birth (does not apply in Scotland).

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

2. Current address

Number of flat, bedsit or floor (where appropriate)

Number of house (or name if not numbered)

Name of road or street

Town or city

County

Postcode

Tick here if you do not want your details to be available on the edited register for general sale.

3. Declaration

Please read the following carefully as it is an offence to give false information on this form.

As far as I know, the details on this form are true and accurate. I am a British citizen, a citizen of another Commonwealth country, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland or a citizen of another European Union country. I am currently living at the address shown in part 2.

Signature

Date

4. Other information

Address where you were previously registered to vote

Postcode

Local council (if known)

If you previously lived in the UK, were you registered to vote? Yes No

Your name will be taken off the register for your previous address. However, if you believe you should still also be registered at your old address, please say why below.

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

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Polling district:

Date received:

Elector number:

Date added:

