



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 the address shown below.

Electoral Registration Office
Town Hall
St Pauls Square
Bedford
MK40 1SJ

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 or Commonwealth citizens
- citizens of the Republic of Ireland or other European Union (EU) member states

British citizens, Irish citizens and citizens of Commonwealth countries (including 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.

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.



Electoral registration form



Only one person for each form. Please read the notes carefully before filling in this form. When you have completed **every** section and signed the form personally, send it to your local electoral registration office. The return address is shown in the accompanying notes. Please write in black ink and use **BLOCK LETTERS**.

1 About you

Surname

First names (in full)

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

Nationality

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

Day Month Year

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 name to be included on the **edited** register, which is available for general sale. Read the accompanying notes for more information.

You do not have to give the following information, but it will help us to contact you if there is a query about your form.

Daytime telephone or mobile number

Email address

3 Declaration

As far as I know, the details on this form are true and accurate. I confirm that I am a citizen of the UK, a commonwealth country, Ireland or another European Union member state.

Signature

Date

4 Other information

Address where you were previously registered to vote

Postcode

Previous local council (if you know)

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.

Postal and proxy vote application forms are available at www.aboutmyvote.co.uk

To receive this information from your electoral registration office instead, please tick one of the boxes below:

voting by post

voting by proxy (someone else voting on your behalf)

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Polling district: Date received:

Elector number: Date added: