



## How do I register to vote?

- 1 Fill in the electoral registration form.
- 2 Make sure **you** complete all relevant sections of the form and sign the 'declaration'. You can only use this form if your (or someone in your household's) safety would be at risk if your name or address was on the electoral register.
- 3 Return your form as soon as possible to your Electoral Registration Office. You can find their address at [www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk)
- 4 **This registration lasts for one year.**

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 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

British citizens, Irish citizens and qualifying 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 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?

Your name and address will not appear on the electoral register. You will receive a certificate of anonymous registration. You have the choice of sending this to credit reference agencies to prove your identity to help you obtain credit facilities.

## Support for application

You will need either a court order that is in force to protect you or a qualified person to support your application. Please see the notes in section 8 of the form for who or what can support your application.

## More information

If you need more forms or have any questions about registering to vote, go to [www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://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](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk)

This form does not apply in Northern Ireland. Visit [www.eoni.org.uk](http://www.eoni.org.uk) for more information.

# Application for anonymous registration



**Only one person can register using this form.** Please write in black ink and use **BLOCK LETTERS**. When you have filled in every section and signed the form yourself, send it to your local electoral registration office. You can get the address at [www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk)

## 1 About you

Surname

First names (in full)

Nationality (include dual nationality if appropriate)

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

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

## 2 Contact details

Current Home Address

Postcode

Daytime telephone or mobile number

Email address

## 3 Correspondence address (optional)

You may supply an address other than the one in section 2 for correspondence.

Postcode

## 4 Reason for application

I am applying for anonymous registration because (tick one box only):

I am the person at risk

I live in the household of someone at risk

My safety would be at risk if my name or address was on the register because:

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## 5 Declaration

As far as I know, the details on this form are true and accurate. I confirm that I am a British, Irish, European Union or qualifying Commonwealth citizen.

Any evidence (court or attestation) I have enclosed to support my application is genuine. Any evidence I have given of living in the household of someone at risk is genuine. I understand it is an offence to give false information on this form which is punishable on conviction by imprisonment of up to 6 months and/or a fine.

Signature

Date

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## 6 Other information

Address where you were previously registered to vote

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Postcode

Previous local council (if you know)

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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.

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## 7 About you

You must meet one of the requirements below. Please tick which one applies:

- I have enclosed a court order or injunction which is for the protection of me. That document is in force today.
- My application is supported by a qualified person who has completed section 8 below.
- I enclose a copy of a court order or an attestation of someone at risk and proof of my address (e.g. a photocard driving licence) showing that I am in the same household as that person.

**As registration lasts for one year, you should keep copies of court orders or a copy of attestations for subsequent applications.**

## 8 Attestation (if applicable)

To be completed only by a qualifying officer (see notes in the next column).

I certify that the safety of the applicant, or another person of the same household, would be at risk if the register contained their name or address.

My attestation shall have effect for (please tick one box only):

- the maximum period (five years)
- another period stated below (minimum 1 year)

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Name

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Job title (as a qualifying officer)

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Police force / local authority / other qualifying body

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Notes:** A qualifying officer is:

- a police officer of or above the rank of superintendent in any police force in the UK
- Director General of the Security Services or the Serious Organised Crime Agency
- a Director of Adult Social Services or Children's Services in England, a Director of Social Services in Wales, a Chief Social Work Officer in Scotland, a Director of Social Services or an Executive Director of Social Work in Northern Ireland

The qualifying officer does not have to be based in the same area as the applicant, but the attestation cannot be delegated to a more junior person within their organisation.

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