



How do I register to vote?

- 1** Fill in the electoral registration form.
- 2** Make sure **you** 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 the address shown below.
- 4** **This registration lasts for one year.**

Please **do not** return your form to The Electoral Commission.

Please note: 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 electoral registration office to ask for one.

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 sections 7, 8 and 9 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 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.



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 or in your phone book.

7 Evidence to support my application

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 or benefit of me or someone in my household. 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 and proof of my address (e.g. a photocard driving licence) that I am in the same household as the subject of that attestation.

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)

Name

Job title (as a qualifying officer)

Police force / local authority / other qualifying body

Signature

Date

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Notes: A qualifying officer is:

- the Chief Officer of Police of any police force in England and Wales
- the Chief Constable of any police force in Scotland or the Police Service of Northern Ireland
- 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 or a Chief Social Work Officer in Scotland

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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Polling district: _____

Date received: _____

Elector number: _____

Date added: _____



How do I apply to vote by post?

- 1 Fill in the postal vote application form.
- 2 Make sure **you** complete all sections of the form and supply your date of birth (not required in Scotland) and signature.
- 3 Return your form as soon as possible to your local registration office. You can find their address at www.aboutmyvote.co.uk.

Please **do not** return your form to The Electoral Commission.

Please note: your application form must arrive at your electoral registration office at least **11 working days** before the election.

Voting by post

You can apply to vote by post for a set period of time or for all future elections. Postal votes can be sent out to addresses in the UK and abroad.

What happens after I've returned this form?

- When an election is going to be held, your ballot paper will be sent to you in the post. Remember, it may not be sent out until four working days before election day, or three working days in Scotland.
- If it does not arrive by this time, contact your electoral registration office for a replacement ballot paper. In Scotland, contact the returning officer at your local council. You must do this by 5pm on election day.
- You will need to give your date of birth (not required in Scotland) and signature on this application form, and again when you use your postal vote. This information is needed to tackle fraud.
- Make sure you return your postal vote so that it arrives by election day, otherwise it will not be counted. A Freepost envelope is included in your postal ballot pack. But, if you are sending it from overseas, you will need to pay the postage.

- If it is too late to send your vote back by post, you can hand it in on election day to the returning officer at your local council, drop it off at a polling station in your constituency or, if you are voting in a local election, drop it off at any polling station in your ward (or local authority in Scotland).
- There are strict procedures in place to ensure your vote will be kept secret.

More information

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

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1 About you

Surname

First names (in full)

Your address (where you are registered to vote)

Postcode

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Daytime telephone or mobile number

E-mail address (optional)

2 How long do you want a postal vote for?

I want to vote by post at all elections (tick one box only):

until further notice (permanent postal vote)

for the elections to be held on

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to

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3 Address for ballot paper

Please send my ballot paper to the following address:

Postcode

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4 Your date of birth and signature

Please write your date of birth 'DD MM YYYY' in the black boxes below (not required in Scotland). Then sign, using black ink, keeping within the grey border.

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Declaration: As far as I know, the details on this form are true and accurate.

Today's date

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Anonymous registration – Application to vote by proxy



How do I apply to vote by proxy?

- 1** You must ask someone you know to be your proxy and vote on your behalf. Please note that a person can only be the proxy for close relatives and up to two other people at the same election.
- 2** Fill in the proxy vote application form.
- 3** Make sure **you** complete all sections of the form and supply your date of birth (not required in Scotland) and signature.
- 4** Return your form as soon as possible to your local registration office.
You can find their address at www.aboutmyvote.co.uk.

Please **do not** return your form to the Electoral Commission. **Please note:** your application form must arrive at your electoral registration office at least **11 working days** before the election when changing or cancelling an existing postal or postal proxy vote and at least **6 working days** before the election when applying for a new proxy vote.

Voting by proxy

If you cannot vote at an election in person, you can apply to vote by proxy (someone else voting on your behalf). You can use this form to apply to vote by proxy only if you have already applied for anonymous registration.

What happens after I've returned this form?

- Your proxy must go to **your** local polling station to vote. If your proxy cannot get to the polling station, they can apply to vote for you by post. They can apply to do this up to 11 days before an election. Contact your electoral registration office for more details.
- Your proxy will be sent a proxy poll card, telling them where and when to vote on your behalf.
- You must let your proxy know how you want them to vote on your behalf, for example, which candidate or which party.
- If it turns out that you are able to go to the polling station on election day, you can vote in person as long as your proxy has not already done so and has not applied to vote for you by post.
- You will need to give your date of birth (not required in Scotland) and signature on this application form. This information is needed to tackle fraud.

More information

If you have any questions about voting by proxy, go to www.aboutmyvote.co.uk or contact your electoral registration office.

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1 About you

Surname

First names (in full)

Your home address (where you are registered to vote)

Postcode

Daytime telephone or mobile number

E-mail address (optional)

2 How long do you want a proxy vote for?

I want to vote by proxy at all elections (tick one box only):

until further notice (permanent proxy vote)

for the elections held on

_____ D M Y

for the period

from

_____ D M Y

to

_____ D M Y

3 About your proxy

Full name

Relationship to you (if any)

Full address

Postcode

4 Your date of birth and signature

I have asked the person I have named as my proxy and confirm that he/she is willing and able to be appointed to vote on my behalf.

Please write your date of birth 'DD MM YYYY' in the black boxes below (not required in Scotland). Then sign, **using black ink**, keeping within the grey border. This application cancels any proxy voting arrangements you may have made before.

Declaration: As far as I know, the details on this form are true and accurate.

Today's date

_____ D M Y

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