



## 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?

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.

## 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.

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# 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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## 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 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](http://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 by 5pm **11 working days** before an election.

## Voting by post

You can apply to vote by post for a particular election, 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.
- If your ballot paper does not arrive by this time, contact the Returning Officer at your local council for a replacement. The Returning Officer can only issue replacements up to 5pm on election day.
- You will need to give your date of birth and signature on this application form, and again when you use your postal vote. This information is needed to tackle fraud. If you are unable to sign this form, please contact your Electoral Registration Officer.
- 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 or drop it off at a polling station. For further information contact the Returning Officer.

## More information

If you need more forms or have any questions about voting by post, go to [www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk) or contact your electoral registration office.

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## 1 About you

Surname

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First names (in full)

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Your full address  
(where you are registered to vote)

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Postcode

Daytime telephone or mobile number

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E-mail address (optional)

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## 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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## 3 Address for ballot paper

Please send my ballot paper to the following address:

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Postcode

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## 4 Your date of birth and signature

**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 of up to 2 years and/or a fine.

**Date of birth:** Please write your date of birth 'DD MM YYYY' in the black boxes below, **using black ink**.

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**Signature:** Sign below, keeping within the grey border.

If you are unable to sign this form, please contact your Electoral Registration Officer.

## 5 Date of application

Today's date

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## 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 and signature.
- 4** Return your form as soon as possible to your local registration office.  
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Please **do not** return your form to the Electoral Commission. **Please note:** your application form must arrive at your electoral registration office by 5pm **11 working days** before an election when changing or cancelling an existing postal or postal proxy vote and by 5pm **6 working days** before an 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 by 5pm **11 working days** before an election. They should contact the 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 should 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 and signature on this application form. This information is needed to tackle fraud. If you are unable to sign this form, please contact your Electoral Registration Officer.

## Voting as proxy

A person can only be a proxy for close relatives and up to two other people at an election.

Close relatives are the spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild of the applicant.

The proxy must be eligible to vote.

## More information

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## 1 About you

Surname

\_\_\_\_\_

First names (in full)

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Your home address (where you are registered to vote)

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Postcode

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Daytime telephone or mobile number

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E-mail address (optional)

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## 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

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## 3 About your proxy

Full name

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Relationship to you (if any)

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Full address

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Postcode

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## 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.

**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 of up to 2 years and/or a fine.

**Date of birth:** Please write your date of birth 'DD MM YYYY' in the black boxes below, using black ink.

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**Signature:** Sign below, keeping within the grey border.

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Today's date

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