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## Appoint a secretary

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✓ **What this form is for**  
You may use this form to appoint an individual as a secretary.

✗ **What this form is NOT for**  
You cannot use this form if you are appointing a corporate secretary. To do this, please use form AP04 'Appointment of corporate secretary'.

For further information, please refer to our guidance at [www.gov.uk/companieshouse](http://www.gov.uk/companieshouse)

### 1 Company details

Company number	<input type="text"/>
Company name in full	<input type="text"/>

→ **Filling in this form**  
Please complete in typescript or in bold black capitals.  
  
All fields are mandatory unless specified or indicated by \*

### 2 Date of secretary's appointment

Date of appointment	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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### 3 New secretary's details

Title*	<input type="text"/>
Full forename(s)	<input type="text"/>
Surname	<input type="text"/>
Former name(s) ①	<input type="text"/>

① **Former name(s)**  
Please provide any previous names (including maiden or married names) which have been used for business purposes in the last 20 years.  
  
Continue in section 7 if required.

### 4 New secretary's service address ②

	Please complete your service address below.
Building name/number	<input type="text"/>
Street	<input type="text"/>
Post town	<input type="text"/>
County/Region	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Country	<input type="text"/>

② **Secretary's service address**  
This is the address that will appear on the public record. This does not have to be your usual residential address.  
  
Please state 'The Company's Registered Office' if your service address is recorded in the company's register of secretaries as the company's registered office.  
  
If you provide your residential address here it will appear on the public record.

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**5** Consent to act as secretary

Please tick the box to confirm consent.

The company confirms that the person named in section 3 has consented to act as a secretary of the company named in section 1.

**6** Signature

I am signing this form on behalf of the company.

Signature

Signature

X

X

This form may be signed and authorised by:  
Director <sup>1</sup>, Secretary, Person authorised <sup>2</sup>, Administrator, Administrative Receiver, Receiver, Receiver manager, Charity commission receiver and manager, CIC manager, Judicial factor.

**1** Societas Europaea

If the form is being filed on behalf of a Societas Europaea (SE) please delete 'director' and insert details of which organ of the SE the person signing has membership.

**2** Person authorised

Under either section 270 or 274 of the Companies Act 2006.

**7** Additional former names (continued from Section 3)

Former names <sup>3</sup>


**3** Additional former names

Use this space to enter any additional names.

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### Presenter information

You do not have to give any contact information, but if you do it will help Companies House if there is a query on the form. The contact information you give will be visible to searchers of the public record.

Contact name

Company name

Address

Post town

County/Region

Postcode

Country

DX

Telephone

### Checklist

**We may return forms completed incorrectly or with information missing.**

**Please make sure you have remembered the following:**

- The company name and number match the information held on the public Register.
- You have completed the date of appointment.
- You have provided the service address.
- The address must be a physical location. It cannot be a PO Box number (unless part of a full address), DX or LP (Legal Post in Scotland) number.
- You have included all former names used for business purposes over the last 20 years.
- You have ticked the consent to act statement.
- You have signed the form.

### Important information

**Please note that all information on this form will appear on the public record.**

### Where to send

**You may return this form to any Companies House address, however for expediency we advise you to return it to the appropriate address below:**

**For companies registered in England and Wales:**

The Registrar of Companies, Companies House,  
Crown Way, Cardiff, Wales, CF14 3UZ.  
DX 33050 Cardiff.

**For companies registered in Scotland:**

The Registrar of Companies, Companies House,  
Fourth floor, Edinburgh Quay 2,  
139 Fountainbridge, Edinburgh, Scotland, EH3 9FF.  
DX ED235 Edinburgh 1  
or LP - 4 Edinburgh 2 (Legal Post).

**For companies registered in Northern Ireland:**

The Registrar of Companies, Companies House,  
Second Floor, The Linenhall, 32-38 Linenhall Street,  
Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT2 8BG.  
DX 481 N.R. Belfast 1.

### Further information

For further information, please see the guidance notes on the website at [www.gov.uk/companieshouse](http://www.gov.uk/companieshouse) or email [enquiries@companieshouse.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@companieshouse.gov.uk)

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