

Electoral registration form

for a British citizen living overseas

 **Go online**

If you are aged 16 or over, you can fill in this form at [gov.uk/register-to-vote](https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote).

Am I eligible to register?

If you are a British citizen living overseas, you can apply to be an overseas voter.

You must be aged 16 or over (although you won't be able to vote until you are 18).

As long as you were registered to vote as a resident in the UK (or deemed to have been resident in the UK, for example by being registered as a service voter) within the last 15 years, you can register to vote from overseas. If you were too young to register when you left the UK, your parent or guardian must have been registered.

Can I vote in all elections in the UK?

As an overseas voter, you are eligible to vote in elections to the UK Parliament. You cannot vote in local council elections or Scottish Parliament elections.

How to register to vote

- 1 Fill in this electoral registration form.
- 2 Make sure you sign the declaration.
- 3 Return your completed form and the relevant evidence to us at the address shown above.
- 4 Problems with the form? Contact your electoral registration office if you need any help understanding or completing this form – or if you need this form in large print or in another format.

Register to vote as soon as you can, or it may be too late to vote in the next election.

Registering to vote

All information requested in this form must be provided (unless stated otherwise) or your application may be delayed. Use **black ink** and write in CAPITALS.

1 Your name and address

First name(s)

Surname

Your current address outside the UK

Postcode

The date you left the UK
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Do you also live at another address? Please tick. No Yes

If yes, you do not have to give us this address now, but we may ask for more information later.

Correspondence address (if different)

Postcode

2 Moved house in the last 12 months?

Please tick. No Yes If yes, please give any previous address where you have lived during the last year or your application may be delayed.

Postcode

If this address was overseas, were you registered in the UK as an overseas voter? Please tick. No Yes

3 Changed your name?

If you changed your name since you were last registered to vote in the UK, please give your full previous name.

Please also give your reason for changing your name. (For example you may have got married and changed your name).

If you changed your name before you were last registered to vote in the UK, please give your most recent previous name. You do not have to give us details of this change but it will help us identify you. If you can't provide these details we may ask you for additional documentary evidence.

8 Too young to be registered to vote when you left the UK?

Only complete this section if you were too young to be registered to vote when you left the UK and you are registering as an overseas voter for the first time. Please tick.

- This is the first time I have applied to register as an overseas voter.
 I have enclosed a copy of my birth certificate.

Is your current name different to the name on your birth certificate? Please tick. No Yes

If yes, please give us your previous full name.

Reason for changing your name.

Is your parent or guardian's name different from the name shown on your birth certificate, or has it changed since they were last registered to vote?

Please tick. No Yes

If yes, please give us their previous full name.

Reason for changing name. (If you don't know, please write 'Unknown').

9 Statement of previous registration

Tick the statement that applies to you:

- I was previously registered to vote as an overseas voter until

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and I have not been registered to vote as a resident in the UK since then. (Now go to section 11).

- I was previously registered to vote as an overseas voter and I have been registered to vote as a resident in the UK since then. (Now go to section 10).
 I have never been registered as an overseas voter before. (Now go to section 10).

10 Citizenship

Please tick one statement that applies to you:

- I hold a British passport stating that I am a British citizen.

British passport number

Place of issue

Date of issue

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- I do not hold a British passport stating that I am a British citizen and I was not born in the UK before 1 January 1983.

Date you became a British citizen

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Please explain how you became a British citizen (for example, naturalisation).

Place and country of birth

- I do not hold a British passport stating that I am a British citizen, but I was born in the UK before 1 January 1983.

11 The open register

The open register is an extract of the electoral register, but it is not used for elections. It can be bought by anyone and used for many purposes including confirming name and address details and direct marketing purposes.

Please tick if you do not want your name and address to be included in the open register.

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12 Registering anonymously?

Please tick if you have also submitted an application to register anonymously.

13 Voting by post or proxy?

You can only vote in person at the polling station where you are registered to vote in the UK, if you are there on polling day. **To vote by post or proxy, you must complete and sign a separate application.** Please tick how you would like to vote and we will send you an application form, which you must also complete and sign, or you can download an application form at electoralcommission.org.uk/voter.

By post By proxy (someone voting on your behalf)

14 Don't know your date of birth, nationality or National Insurance number? Please tell us why

If you can't provide these details we may ask you for other evidence before processing your application.

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15 Declaration

I understand that this declaration cancels any previous declaration about voter registration in the UK I may have made.

I confirm that I am a British citizen and that I am not living in the UK.

To the best of my knowledge, the information in this form is true.

I understand that the information I have given on this form will be used on the electoral register.

I understand that if I knowingly give false information in this form, I could face a fine of up to £5,000 and/or up to six months in prison.

Signature

Today's date

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Your nationality

You can register to vote in the UK if you are a British (including English, Scottish, Welsh or from Northern Ireland), Irish or European Union citizen, or a Commonwealth citizen who has leave to enter or remain in the UK or does not require such leave. We may need additional evidence about your nationality or we may check your nationality or immigration status against government records.

Your date of birth

If you don't know your date of birth please give the date you put on official documents (for example, your passport or driving licence) or tick one of the boxes. Your date of birth identifies you and confirms your eligibility to vote.

The open register

There are two registers. Why?

Using information received from the public, registration officers keep two registers – the electoral register and the open register (also known as the edited register).

The electoral register lists the names and addresses of everyone who is registered to vote in public elections. The register is used for electoral purposes, such as making sure only eligible people can vote. It is also used for other limited purposes specified in law, such as:

- detecting crime (e.g. fraud)
- calling people for jury service
- checking credit applications.

The open register is an extract of the electoral register, but is not used for elections. It can be bought by any person, company or organisation. For example, it is used by businesses and charities to confirm name and address details. Your name and address will be included in the open register unless you ask for them to be removed. Removing your details from the open register does not affect your right to vote.

If you are concerned that having your name or address on the register may affect your safety, there could be other options available to you.

In certain circumstances, you can register without your name and address showing on the register.

To find out more, please contact your electoral registration office. You can find their address and more information at electoralcommission.org.uk/voter.

You can find out more information about both registers and how they may be used at gov.uk/register-to-vote.

Privacy statement

We collect information under the legal basis of a task carried out in the public interest, as set out in the Representation of the People Act 1983 and related regulations. We will look after personal information securely and follow data protection legislation.

If you opted-out of the open register we will only use the information you give us for electoral purposes, including matching it against other sources of data to support the electoral register. We will not give personal information to anyone else, unless we have to by law. The law requires us to share your information with candidates, political parties and campaigners for democratic engagement purposes and credit reference agencies to check your identity when you apply for credit.

If you have not opted-out of the open register your name and address can be bought by anyone and used for lots of purposes, including direct marketing.

The Electoral Registration Officer is the Controller. For further information relating to the processing of personal data you should refer to their privacy notice on their website. You can find their website address and contact details at electoralcommission.org.uk/voter.

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