

Electoral registration form

for a member of the armed forces, their spouse, civil partner or their children who are living with them



Go online

If you are aged 16 or over, you can fill in this form at gov.uk/register-to-vote.

You can register as a service voter or as an ordinary voter

The way you choose to register will depend on your personal circumstances. Your unit has a designated Unit Registration Officer who can give you more information. Ask your administration office for contact details.

Registering as a service voter

- **If you are in the armed forces or the spouse or registered civil partner of a member of the armed forces**, registering as a service voter allows you to be registered for five years at a fixed address in the UK even if you move around. You must renew your application every 5 years, but you can cancel it at any time. Registering as a service voter is particularly useful if you are based overseas or think you may be posted overseas in the next few years.
- **If you are under 18 and your parent or guardian is a member of the armed forces and you are living with them**, you can register as a service voter. You must be living in Scotland or would be living in Scotland if your parent or guardian were not based overseas. Your registration must be renewed each year and will end when you are 18 years of age. Then you will need to make a new application to register reflecting your circumstances at that time. You will be reminded to do so before your eighteenth birthday.

Registering as an ordinary voter

If you are unlikely to be posted overseas or change address in the next year, you can register as an ordinary voter online at gov.uk/register-to-vote.

How to register as a service voter

- 1 Fill in this electoral registration form.
- 2 Make sure you sign the declaration.
- 3 Return your completed form 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.

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Register to vote

Registering to vote

You can register to vote if you are:

- Resident (usually live) in Scotland and aged 14 or over (but you will not be able to vote in Scottish Parliamentary or local council elections until you are 16. You will not be able to vote in UK Parliamentary elections until you are 18).

You must also be either:

- A British, Irish or European Union citizen, or
- A Commonwealth citizen or foreign national who has leave to enter or remain in the UK or who does not require such leave.

All information requested in this form must be provided (unless stated otherwise) or your application may be delayed.

1 Your name and address

First name(s)

Surname

Your UK registration address

Postcode

This address is where:
Please tick.

- ☐ I am currently living
- ☐ I would be living if I or my spouse or civil partner were not in the armed forces and posted abroad
- ☐ I would be living if my parent or guardian were not in the armed forces and posted abroad
- ☐ I have lived in the past

Correspondence address

Postcode/BFPO

2 Changed your name?

Please give us your most recent previous name (optional).

Please tell us the date you changed your name (optional).

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3 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.

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Postcode/BFPO

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

4 Service details

Rank or rating

Please tick. ☐ Royal Navy ☐ Army ☐ Royal Air Force

Service number

Regiment or corps (army only)

Please tick. ☐ Or, I am the spouse or civil partner of a member of the armed forces, and have given their service details above.
☐ Or, my parent or guardian is a member of the armed forces, and I have given their service details above.

5 Your date of birth

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If you don't know your date of birth please tick if you are:

14-15 ☐ 16-17 ☐ 18 or over ☐

(Don't know your date of birth? Please see section 12). (More info page 5)

6 Your nationality

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If you have more than one nationality, please include them all.
(Don't know your nationality? Please see section 12).

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7 Your National Insurance number (if you are aged 16 or over)

You may find this on your payslip, or on official letters about tax, pensions or benefits.

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(Don't know your National Insurance number? Please see section 12).

☐ Please tick if you are aged under 16.

8 Contact details

Phone number (optional)

Email (optional)

Providing an email address or phone number gives us a quick and easy way to contact you about your application.

9 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.

If you are aged under 16 your details will not be included in the open register.

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10 Registering anonymously?

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

11 Voting by post or proxy?

Please tick how you would like to vote and we will send you an application form, or you can download an application form at **electoralcommission.org.uk/voter**. This section should be left blank if you intend to vote in person at a polling station.

☐ By post ☐ By proxy (someone voting on your behalf)

12 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.

13 Declaration

I confirm that I am a British, Irish, European Union, qualifying Commonwealth citizen or qualifying foreign national. (Qualifying Commonwealth citizens or qualifying foreign nationals are people who have leave to enter or remain in the UK or who do not require such leave).

I confirm that I would be living in the UK if I, my spouse/civil partner or my parent/guardian were not serving in the armed forces.

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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If you need help filling in this form please contact your electoral registration office. You can find their address and more information at **electoralcommission.org.uk/voter**.

Your nationality

You can register to vote in the UK if you are a British (including English, Scottish, Welsh or from Northern Ireland), Irish, European Union citizen, or a Commonwealth citizen or foreign national 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. If you have more than one nationality, please include them all.

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.

Changed your name?

For example, you may have got married and changed your name. You do not have to give us details of your name change but it will help us identify you. If this information is not given then you may need to provide additional evidence.

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. If you are aged 16 or over 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 aged 14 or 15, you will not be included on the open register. You will be included on the electoral register, but only Electoral Registration Officers and their staff can usually see the details you provide. Your details will not be included in any register that is published. About six weeks before an election certain people need details of everyone who can vote in that election. If you will be 16 on the date of a Scottish Parliamentary or local council election, your name and address will be given to people who run the elections, and to candidates who want to provide information to voters. You can find out more information about both registers and how they may be used at gov.uk/register-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.

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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