# **Electoral registration form**

for a Crown servant or British Council employee or their spouse or civil partner or their children who are living with them



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

## You can register as a Crown servant or British Council employee using this form if:

- you are working outside the UK as a Crown servant (e.g. in the diplomatic service or overseas civil service) or as an employee of the British Council
- you are the spouse or registered civil partner of a Crown servant or British Council employee and you accompany them during their employment abroad
- your parent or guardian is a Crown servant or British Council employee and you are living abroad with them.

### Registering as a Crown servant or British Council employee

- If you are a Crown servant or British Council employee serving abroad or the spouse or registered civil partner of a Crown servant or British Council employee and you accompany them during their employment abroad, you can register at a fixed address in the UK even if you move around. You must renew your application every 12 months, but you can cancel it at any time.
- If you are under 18 and you are living with a parent or guardian who is a Crown servant or British Council employee and you would be living in Wales 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 point. You will be reminded to do so before your eighteenth birthday.

# How to register to vote

- **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 Wales and aged 14 or over (but you will not be able to vote in local council elections (before May 2022) or Senedd elections until you are 16. You will not be able to vote in UK Parliamentary or Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) elections until you are 18).

#### You must also be either:

- A British or Irish citizen, or
- •A Commonwealth citizen who has leave to enter or remain in the UK or who does not require such leave, or
- A foreign national who has leave to enter or remain in the UK or who does not require such leave (you can vote in Senedd and local council elections only), or
- •A European Union citizen (you can vote in Senedd, local council and PCC elections only).

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

1 Your name an	d address
	a address
First name(s)	
Surname	
Your UK registration address	Postcode
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	vhere: Please tick.
I would be live	ving if I or my spouse or civil partner were not working abroad
☐ I would be live working abroom	ving if my parent or guardian was not a Crown servant or British Council employee pad
I have lived	in the past
Your current address outside the UK	
	Postcode
Do vou live at and	other address? Please tick. No Yes
•	ot have to give us this address now but we may ask for more information later).
Correspondence	,
address	
(if different)	
	Postcode
We will only use	this address to contact you about your registration.
2 Changed you	r name?
Please give us y previous name (	
Please tell us the	e date you changed your name (optional).  D D M M Y Y Y Y (More info page 5)

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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.
	Postcode
	If this address was overseas, were you registered in the UK as an overseas voter?  Please tick.   No Yes
4	Employment details
	Please tick.  I work (or am about to start work) as a Crown servant outside the UK.  I work (or am about to start work) as a British Council employee outside the UK.  I am the spouse or civil partner of a Crown servant working outside the UK.  I am the spouse or civil partner of a British Council employee working outside the UK.  My parent or guardian is a Crown servant working outside the UK.  My parent or guardian is a British Council employee working outside the UK.  Name of the organisation (Crown servant only)  What is your/their post?  What is your/their staff, payroll or other identifying number?
5	Your date of birth
	If you don't know your date of birth please tick if you are:  14-15
6	Your nationality
	If you have more than one nationality, please include them all. (Don't know your nationality? Please see section 12).  (More info page 5)
7	Your National Insurance number (If you are aged 16 or over)
	You can find this on your payslip, or on official letters about tax, pensions or benefits.  (Don't know your National Insurance number? Please see section 12).
	☐ Please tick if you are aged under 16. (More info page 5)
8	Contact details
	Phone number (optional)
	Email (optional)

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

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. (More info page 5)	
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 <b>electoralcommission.org.uk/voter.</b> 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 citizen. (Qualifying Commonwealth citizens and qualifying foreign citizens 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 parent/guardian were not serving as a Crown servant or British Council employee.	
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 an unlimited fine and/or up to six months in prison.	
Signature Today's date	

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.** 

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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 or foreign 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. 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, confirms your eligibility to vote and can be used to call you for jury service.

#### 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 documentary 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 the Senedd or local council elections, 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, the Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 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 <u>not</u> 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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