

# Voter registration form

## for a British citizen living overseas

 **Go online**

It's easy to fill in this form online at  
[gov.uk/register-to-vote](https://gov.uk/register-to-vote).

## Am I eligible to register?

To register as an overseas voter you must be:

- a British citizen living overseas
- aged 16 or over (although you won't be able to vote until you are 18).

You must also have been registered to vote in the UK or been resident (lived) in the UK before.

## Which UK elections can I vote in?

As an overseas voter, you are eligible to vote in UK Parliament elections.

## How to register to vote

- 1 Fill in this voter registration form.
- 2 Make sure you sign the declaration.
- 3 Return your completed form and any relevant evidence to your electoral registration office.  
You can find their address and more information at [electoralcommission.org.uk/voter](https://electoralcommission.org.uk/voter).
- 4 Problems with the form? Contact your electoral registration office if you need 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 possible**, or it may be too late to vote in the next election.

## Register to vote

Write in **black ink** and use CAPITAL LETTERS. Please fill in all required sections or your application may be delayed.

## 1 Your name and address

First name(s)

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Last name

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Your current address outside the UK

[illegible]

Correspondence address (if different)

[illegible]

## 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.

[illegible]

### 3 Your date of birth (more info on page 7)

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If you don't know your date of birth, please tell us why and tick if you are:

Under 18 ☐ 18-75 ☐ Aged 76 or over ☐

#### 4 Your National Insurance number

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

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If you cannot provide your National Insurance number, please tell us why.


**If you have provided a date of birth AND National Insurance number, please skip to section 6.**

**If you have not provided a date of birth or National Insurance number, you should provide supporting documents to help us process your application more quickly. Please continue to section 5.**

## 5 Supporting documents (more info on page 7)

**Only complete this section if you have not provided a date of birth or National Insurance number.**

You should include copies of the documents below when sending your application form (**do not send originals**) or tick the box at the bottom to say you cannot provide the documents.

When sending documents, you should provide either:

- a copy of **ONE** document from list A or
- a copy of **ONE** document from list B **AND** copies of **TWO** additional documents from either list B or C or
- copies of **FOUR** documents from list C.

### Supporting documents list A:

- Passport
- Biometric immigration document (issued in the UK only)
- European Economic Area identity card
- Photo card driving licence (issued in the UK, Channel Islands, or Isle of Man)
- Northern Ireland Electoral Identity Card

### Supporting documents list B:

Unless stated otherwise, these documents must be issued in the UK, Channel Islands, or Isle of Man.

- Paper driving licence (not photo card)
- Driving licence with photo (not issued in the UK, Channel Islands, or Isle of Man)
- Birth certificate
- Marriage or civil partnership certificate
- Adoption certificate
- Firearms certificate (granted under the Firearms Act 1968)
- Record of a bail decision (issued in England or Wales)

### Supporting documents list C:

These documents must be issued in the UK, Channel Islands, or Isle of Man.

- Bank or building society statement, or account confirmation letter
- Utility bill
- Credit card statement
- Benefits (or benefits entitlement) statement
- Mortgage statement
- P45 or P60 form
- Pension statement
- Council tax statement, or demand letter

☐ **I cannot provide the supporting documents**

**If you cannot provide the supporting documents, please still submit this form and someone will contact you. It may take longer to process your application.**

## 6 Ever been registered to vote in the UK before?

Please tick. ☐ Yes (Go to section 7A)

☐ No (Go to section 7B)

If you don't know if you have ever been registered to vote in the UK before, go to section 7B.

Complete either section 7A or 7B depending on your answer in section 6.

## 7A Previous address when registered in the UK

Only complete this section if you have been registered to vote in the UK before.

What was the last address where you were registered to vote in the UK?

Postcode

Until what date (to the best of your knowledge) were you registered at the above address?

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How were you registered? Please tick.

- ☐ as an ordinary (domestic) voter (Skip to section 9)
- ☐ as an overseas voter (Skip to section 9)
- ☐ as a service voter (Crown servant, British Council employee, or member of armed services) (Skip to section 9)
- ☐ as someone with no fixed or permanent address (Skip to section 9)

## 7B Previous address when living in the UK

Only complete this section if you have lived in the UK before but not been registered to vote there.

What was the last address where you lived in the UK?

Postcode

When did you leave the UK?

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Please tick one statement.

- ☐ I was younger than 18 years old when I left the UK and my parent or guardian was registered to vote at the address where I lived (Go to section 8)
- ☐ I was younger than 18 years old when I left the UK (Skip to section 9)
- ☐ I was older than 18 years old when I left the UK (Skip to section 9)

## 8 Left the UK when you were younger than 18?

**Only complete this section if you left the UK when you were younger than 18 years old and your parent or guardian was registered to vote at the last UK address where you lived but you were not registered to vote yourself.**

Please give your parent or guardian's full name

This is/was my: ☐ parent ☐ guardian

☐ 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.

  

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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').

  

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## 9 Changed your name?

If you have changed your name since you were last registered to vote or last living 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).

  

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## 10 Contacting you about your application

Providing a phone or email address helps us to contact you quickly and easily about your application. If we cannot contact you easily, it may take longer to process your application.

Phone no.  
(optional)

Email  
(optional)

  

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## 11 Citizenship

Please tick one statement that applies to you:

- ☐ I hold a current or expired 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.

## 12 The open register (more info on page 7)

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 direct marketing.

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

## 13 Registering anonymously?

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

## 14 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 a separate application for an absent vote. More information can be found at **gov.uk/how-to-vote**, or tick how you want to vote below and we will send you information.

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

## 15 Declaration

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 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**

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**Date**

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D D M M Y Y Y Y

If you need help filling in this form please contact your electoral registration office.

## Your nationality

We may need additional evidence about your nationality or we may check your nationality 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.

## Supporting documents

The documents in list C can be the same type. For example, you can provide four bank statements from different months.

## 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 contact details and more information at [electoralcommission.org.uk/voter](https://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](https://gov.uk/register-to-vote).

## Privacy statement

The Electoral Registration Officer is the Controller. Their lawful basis for collecting the personal information in this application form is that the processing is necessary in order to perform a task in the public interest as set out in the Representation of the People Act 1983 and related legislation.

The Electoral Registration Officer is legally required to process your personal information securely and comply with data protection legislation.

If you opted-out of the open register, your name and address can only be used for electoral purposes and other limited purposes specified in law. The law allows your information to be used for democratic engagement activities (by political parties, candidates, and agents), detecting crime, jury summoning, and checking credit applications.

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

You can view the privacy notice on the website of your electoral registration office, or you can contact them to request a copy. You can find their website address and contact details at [electoralcommission.org.uk/voter](https://electoralcommission.org.uk/voter).

## Voting at the polling station

If you vote in person at your polling station in the UK, you will need to show photo ID. If you do not have accepted photo ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document, the Voter Authority Certificate.

For more information, go to [gov.uk/how-to-vote/photo-id-youll-need](https://gov.uk/how-to-vote/photo-id-youll-need) or contact your electoral registration office.

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