

# Voter registration form

for a British citizen living overseas who had no fixed or permanent previous UK address

## Am I eligible to register?

To register as an overseas voter you must be a British citizen living overseas and aged 16 or over (although you won't be able to vote until you are 18).

You should only use this form if you have never been registered to vote in the UK before and you had no fixed or permanent address on the date you left the UK. This could have been because:

- you were homeless
- you were a patient in a mental health hospital
- you had been remanded in custody, but not yet convicted of an offence
- you were a child looked after by a local authority or kept in secure accommodation in Wales or Scotland
- you were a convicted person serving a prison sentence of 12 months or less in Scotland.

This form is specifically for those who meet the above criteria. There is a different form if you want to register as an overseas voter and you were previously registered to vote in the UK or you were previously resident (lived) in the UK (with a fixed or permanent address).

## 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

## 1 Your name and address

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	Country

## 2 Contacting you about your application

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### 3 Moved house in the last 12 months?

<b>Postcode</b>	<b>Country</b>

#### 4 Your date of birth (more info on page 6)

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Under 18 ☐ 18-75 ☐ Aged 76 or over ☐

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## 5 Your National Insurance number

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**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 6.**

## 6 Supporting documents (more info on page 6)

**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.**

## 7 Previous UK address

Please tick **ONE** statement about the last UK address where you lived before moving abroad:

- ☐ I was homeless or had no fixed address and was not a patient, or detained, in a mental health hospital or remanded in custody - please write the address or place where you spent a large part of your time in Address 1.
- ☐ I was a patient in a mental health hospital but was not detained there or remanded in custody - please write both of the following:
- the name and address of the hospital in which you were being treated in Address 1
  - the address where you would have been living if you had not been a patient in a mental health hospital or, if you cannot give this address, the last address where you lived before going in to hospital in Address 2.
- ☐ I was remanded in custody – please write both of the following:
- the name and address of the place in which you were detained in Address 1
  - the address where you would have been living if you had not been remanded in custody or, if you cannot give this address, the last address where you lived before being remanded in custody in Address 2.
- ☐ I was a child living in Wales and looked after by a local authority or kept in secure accommodation or a child aged under 16 living in Scotland and looked after by a local authority or kept in secure accommodation. I was not homeless or a patient, or detained, in a mental health hospital or remanded in custody. Please write the address in Wales or Scotland where you lived before you were looked after by a local authority or kept in secure accommodation in Address 1.
- ☐ I was a convicted person serving a prison sentence of 12 months or less in Scotland – please write the address in Scotland where you would have been living if you had not been serving a prison sentence in Address 1. If you cannot give this address, please write the address where you lived before you were convicted (or if you were homeless before you were convicted, the address where you spent a large part of your time). If you cannot give any of these addresses, please write the name and address of the penal institution.

## 7 Previous UK address continued

### Address 1

Postcode

We may need to contact you to ask about how much time you spent at this address.

### Address 2

Postcode

## 8 Date you left the UK?

When did you leave the UK?

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Were you aged under 18 when you left the UK?  
Please tick. ☐ No ☐ Yes

## 9 Changed your name?

If you have changed your name since you were 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).

  
  

## 10 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.

## 11 The open register (more info on page 6)

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.

## 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 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)

## 14 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**

**Date**

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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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