

# Voter registration form for registering anonymously

You may be able to register to vote anonymously if you are concerned about your name and address appearing on the electoral register because you think it could affect your safety, or the safety of someone in the same household as you.

You will need to:

- Explain why your safety (or the safety of someone in the same household as you) would be at risk if your name and address appeared on the electoral register
- Provide a court document or an attestation from an authorised person to support your application (more info on pages 4-5).

## How registering anonymously works

If you are registered to vote anonymously, your name and address will not appear on the electoral register and you will not be included on any registration forms sent to your address. Your electoral registration office will contact you separately. You will still be able to vote.

Anonymous registrations last for one year. You should keep copies of court orders or attestations for any future applications.

## How to register to vote

- 1 Fill in this voter registration form.
- 2 Make sure you sign the declaration.
- 3 Provide evidence to support your application (more info on pages 4-5).
- 4 Return your completed form and the 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).
- 5 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.

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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. You will not be able to vote in Scottish Parliament or local council elections until you are 16 and you will not be able to vote in UK Parliament elections until you are 18. You must also be one of the following:

- a British or Irish citizen
- a European Union (EU) citizen
- a Commonwealth citizen who has permission to enter or stay in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man, or who does not need permission
- a foreign national who has permission to enter or stay in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man, or who does not need permission.

Permission to enter or stay in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man (also called Leave to Enter or Remain) refers to a legal immigration status.

### Registering anonymously

Do you want to be included on the electoral register anonymously? Please tick. ☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, please tell us why you want to be included anonymously. For example, because your safety or the safety of someone living in the same household would be at risk.

You must provide a court document or an attestation in support of your application (more info on pages 4-5).

### 1 Your name and address

First name(s)

Last name

Your address   
  
 Postcode

This is the address where you live, but your name and address will not appear on the electoral register.

Phone number (optional)

Email (optional)

Providing a phone or email address helps us to contact you quickly and easily about your application.

Correspondence address (if different)   
 Postcode

We will only use this address to contact you about your registration.

Do you also live at another address? Please tick. ☐ No ☐ Yes

### 2 Changed your name?

(more info on page 6)

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.

Postcode

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

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

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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 9).

### 5 Your nationality (more info on page 6)

Please state your nationality. If you have more than one nationality, please include them all.

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(Don't know your nationality? Please see section 9).

### 6 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.

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☐ Please tick if you are aged under 16. (Don't know your National Insurance number? Please see section 9).

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

If you are included in the electoral register anonymously, no information about you will appear on the open register.

### 8 Voting by post or proxy?

If you intend to vote in person at a polling station, you should leave this section blank. To vote by post or proxy, you must complete a separate application for an absent vote. Tick how you want to vote below and we will send you information about applying for an absent vote.

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

### 9 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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### 10 Declaration

I currently live at this address. To the best of my knowledge, the information in this form is true and the evidence to support my application is genuine. If this application includes evidence relating to someone who lives in the same household as me, the evidence which relates to them is also genuine, as far as I am aware. I understand that it is an offence knowingly to provide false information in this form and if convicted I may be imprisoned for up to six months and/or face a fine of up to £5000.

**Signature**

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**Today's date**

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### Voting at the polling station

At UK Parliament elections, you will need to show photo ID at your polling station to cast your vote. If you are registered to vote anonymously, the only accepted form of photo ID you can use is an Anonymous Elector's Document. Contact your electoral registration office for more information and to request an application form.

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](https://electoralcommission.org.uk/voter).

## Supporting evidence

You must provide a court document or an attestation as evidence that your safety or the safety of someone in your household would be put at risk if your name and address appeared on the register.

Please tick the one that applies:

- ☐ I have enclosed an eligible court document which is for my protection (please see section A below)
- ☐ I have enclosed an eligible court document which is for the protection of someone in my household (please see section A below) and proof (e.g. photo driving licence or utility bill) that I live in the same household as them
- ☐ I have enclosed an attestation from a qualifying officer certifying that my safety would be at risk (please see section B and attestation form overleaf)
- ☐ I have enclosed an attestation from a qualifying officer certifying that the safety of another person in my household would be at risk (please see section B and attestation form overleaf) and proof (e.g. photo driving licence or utility bill) that I live in the same household as them.

**As anonymous registrations last for one year, you should keep copies of court orders or attestations for any future applications.**

If you are unsure about what supporting evidence you can provide please contact your electoral registration office using the details on page 1 of this form.

## A Eligible court documents

Eligible court documents you can use to support your application:

- an injunction for the purpose of restraining a person from pursuing any conduct which amounts to harassment granted in proceedings under Section 3 of the Protection from Harassment Act 1997 or under article 5 of the Protection from Harassment (Northern Ireland) Order 1997
- an injunction granted under Section 3A(2) of the Protection from Harassment Act 1997
- a restraining order made under Section 5(1) of the Protection from Harassment Act 1997, or under article 7 of the Protection from Harassment (Northern Ireland) Order 1997
- a restraining order on acquittal made under Section 5A(1) of the Protection from Harassment Act 1997, or under article 7A(1) of the Protection from Harassment (Northern Ireland) Order 1997
- a non-harassment order, interdict or interim interdict made under Section 8 or 8A of the Protection from Harassment Act 1997
- a non-harassment order made under Section 234A(2) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995
- a non-molestation order made under Section 42(2) of the Family Law Act 1996, or under article 20(2) of the Family Homes and Domestic Violence (Northern Ireland) Order 1998
- a matrimonial interdict within the meaning of Section 14 of the Matrimonial Homes (Family Protection) (Scotland) Act 1981
- a domestic interdict within the meaning of Section 18A of the Matrimonial Homes (Family Protection) (Scotland) Act 1981
- a relevant interdict within the meaning of Section 113 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004
- an interdict that has been determined to be a domestic abuse interdict within the meaning of Section 3 of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2011
- any interdict with an attached power of arrest made under Section 1 of the Protection from Abuse (Scotland) Act 2001
- a forced marriage protection order or interim forced marriage protection order made under Part 4A of the Family Law Act 1996, or under Section 2 of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to, the Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007, or under Section 1 or Section 5 of the Forced Marriage etc. (Protection and Jurisdiction) (Scotland) Act 2011
- a domestic violence protection order made under section 28 of the Crime and Security Act 2010 or section 97 of, and paragraph 5 of Schedule 7 to, the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015
- a female genital mutilation protection order made under section 5A of, and paragraphs 1 or 18 of Schedule 2 to, the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003.

No other court documents are acceptable.

**The court document must be in force on the day of your application to register anonymously.**

## B Qualifying officers

Only those listed below may attest an application.

- a police officer of or above the rank of inspector of any police force in England and Wales
- a police officer of or above the rank of inspector of the Police Service of Scotland
- a police officer of or above the rank of inspector of the Police Service of Northern Ireland
- the Director General of the Security Service
- the Director General of the National Crime Agency
- any director of adult social services in England within the meaning of section 6(A1) of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970
- any director of children's services in England within the meaning of section 18 of the Children Act 2004
- any director of social services in Wales within the meaning of section 6(1) of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970
- any chief social work officer in Scotland within the meaning of section 3 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968
- any director of social services of a Health and Social Services Board established under article 16 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972
- any executive director of social work of a Health and Social Services Trust established under article 10 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1991
- any registered medical practitioner
- any registered nurse or midwife
- any person who manages a refuge. A "refuge" means accommodation with a planned programme of therapeutic and practical support for victims of, or those at risk of, domestic abuse or violence.

The attestation cannot be delegated to a more junior person within an organisation. The one exception to this is where the applicant is under 16 years of age on the date that the application is made, in which case any chief social work officer in Scotland may authorise another person in writing to attest an application. Where this applies, the authorisation from the chief social work officer in Scotland must accompany the attestation.

### Attestation form

To be completed only by a qualifying officer  
(the qualifying officer may use a form provided by their own organisation).

Full name of the applicant

Name(s) of other people in the same household as the applicant to whom the attestation will apply  
(if applicable).

**I certify that the safety of the applicant, and any person[s] named above of the same household, would be at risk if the register contained the name or qualifying address of the applicant.**

My attestation shall have effect for (please tick one box only):

☐ The maximum period (5 years)

☐ Another period (minimum one year)

Full name of the attestor

Job title (as a qualifying officer)

Police force / local authority /  
other qualifying body

Phone number (optional)

Email (optional)

**Signature**

**Today's date**

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## 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.

## 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.

## Your nationality

We may need additional evidence about your nationality or we may check your nationality or immigration status against government records.

## 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 included in the electoral register anonymously, no information about you will appear on the electoral register or the open register.

You can find out more information about both registers and how they may be used at [gov.uk/register-to-vote](https://www.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 (including matching it against other data sources to support the electoral register) 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), crime detection, jury summoning, and credit application identity checks.

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).

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