



How do I register to vote?

- 1 Fill in the electoral registration form.
- 2 Make sure **you** complete all sections of the form and sign the 'declaration'.
- 3 Return your form as soon as possible to your Electoral Registration Office.

You can find the address at www.aboutmyvote.co.uk

Shetland Islands Council
Electoral Registration Officer
Orkney and Shetland VJB,
20 Commercial Road, Lerwick
Shetland
ZE1 0LX

Please **do not** return your form to The Electoral Commission. We **cannot** add you to the register. **Register as soon as you can**, or it may be too late to vote in the next election.

Who can register to vote?

- anyone aged 16 or over (but you cannot vote until you are 18)
- British or qualifying Commonwealth citizens. This means Commonwealth citizens who have leave to enter or remain in the UK or do not require such leave.
- citizens of the Republic of Ireland or other European Union (EU) member states

British citizens, Irish citizens and qualifying citizens of Commonwealth countries (including Cyprus and Malta) can vote at all elections.

Citizens of other EU member states resident in the UK can vote in local government elections but cannot vote in UK Parliamentary elections. Those resident in Scotland or Wales may also vote in Scottish Parliamentary or National Assembly for Wales elections. If you are an EU citizen and want to vote in European Parliamentary elections, you must fill in a separate form. Contact your local electoral registration office to ask for one.

What is the electoral register?

The electoral register is the list of everyone who is registered to vote. You must be on the register to vote in elections and referendums. You are **not** automatically registered, even if you pay Council Tax.

You can register to vote at any time. If you're not registered, for example, if you have moved home, you need to fill in a registration form.

Who has my personal details?

There are two versions of the register – the **full** version and the **edited** version. **Your details** will appear on the full version of the register, but you can **choose** whether or not your details appear on the edited register.

- The full register is used for elections and referendums, preventing and detecting crime, and checking applications for credit.
- The edited register is available for general sale and can be used for commercial activities such as marketing.

More information

If you need more forms or have any questions about registering to vote, go to www.aboutmyvote.co.uk or contact your electoral registration office.

In England and Wales, the electoral registration office is based at your local council. In Scotland, it may be a separate office.

For contact details, go to www.aboutmyvote.co.uk

This form does not apply in Northern Ireland. Visit www.eoni.org.uk for more information.

Electoral registration form



Only one person can register using this form. Please read the notes carefully before filling in this form. When you have completed **every** section and signed the form personally, send it to your electoral registration office. Please write in black ink and use **BLOCK LETTERS**.

1 About you

Surname

First names (in full)

Nationality (include dual nationality if appropriate)

If you are under 18 years old, please give your date of birth.

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Tick here if you are 70 years old or over (does not apply in Scotland).

2 Address (where you are currently resident)

You can only apply for registration at your current home. You can apply at your temporary home if you currently have no other home. There are some exceptions (e.g. students). If you have any questions regarding your residency, please contact your Electoral Registration Officer.

Postcode

Tick here if you **do not** want your name to be included on the **edited** register, which is available for general sale. Read the accompanying notes for more information.

You do not have to give the following information, but it will help us to contact you if there is a query about your form.

Daytime telephone or mobile number

Email address

3 Other information

Address where you were previously registered to vote

Postcode

Previous local council (if you know)

Your name will be taken off the register for your previous address. If you think you should remain on the register at that address, please state the reason below.

Postal vote application forms are available at www.aboutmyvote.co.uk

To receive this information from your electoral registration office instead, please tick one of the boxes below:

voting by post

voting by proxy (someone else voting on your behalf)

4 Declaration

As far as I know, the details on this form are true and accurate. I understand that to provide false information on this form is an offence, punishable on conviction by imprisonment and/or a fine.

I confirm that I am a British, Irish, European Union or qualifying Commonwealth citizen.

Qualifying Commonwealth citizens are those who have leave to enter or remain in the UK or do not require such leave.

Signature

Date
