

Data Matching

Empty Properties

START

Empty properties must go down Route 1 or Route 2. EROs can choose to use local data matching to determine this as local data can indicate whether a property is currently empty.



Empty properties cannot go through national data matching because this involves matching individuals and by definition, there wouldn't be any individuals recorded at an empty property for the national data match to use.

Do EROs have any local data available that could be used to conduct this local data matching?



Conduct local data matching on the property.



Does the property match (i.e. does the local data match indicate that the property is empty)?







Property goes down Route 2

ROUTE 2





Property goes down Route 1

ROUTE 1

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-  Data Matching Exclusion Example
-  Information Box

Arrow Key

-  Proceed to Next Step
-  Yes
-  No
-  Link to Information Box

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Exclusions

Some electors / attainers will not be required to go through data matching:

1

Individuals who have recently made a successful application to the electoral register. Recent additions can be automatically classed as 'matched' in the data step.

EROs have discretion to decide whether to include these individuals in the data matching step, as well as some discretion as to what constitutes a 'recent' application, as they can set their 'recent additions threshold' at any point between 0 and 90 days.

2

Individuals whose application to register to vote has been successfully determined by EROs but have not yet been added onto the register. They will become full electors when the next monthly alteration of the register is published.

EROs cannot include these individuals in the data matching step by virtue of the fact that they are not yet on the register.

3

Individuals who are set to be deleted from the register in the next monthly update. If an ERO has either one piece of Type 1 evidence or two pieces of Type 2 evidence that shows an elector should be deleted; that elector does not need to go through the data matching step.

EROs do not have the discretion to exclude these individuals; rather they are excluded by default. 'Type 1' is a piece of evidence which is sufficient on its own to allow EROs to delete the elector from the register during the next monthly update. By contrast, a 'Type 2' piece of evidence needs to be supported by one other Type 2 piece of evidence.

4

Now that the Senedd and Elections (Wales) Bill has passed into law and lowered the minimum voting age for National Assembly elections in Wales to 16, **14 and 15-year-old attainers** will be excluded as they will not appear on DWP data (although local data matching can be used for 14 and 15-year-old electors/attainers).

EROs do not have discretion to include these individuals by virtue of fact that they will not appear on DWP data. Please note that 16 and 17-year-old electors/attainers will be included on DWP data.

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Special Category Electors

These electors are excluded from the canvass by law.