

# EU citizens in England: Changes to registration, voting and candidacy rights



Can you  
still take part?



## Which EU citizens can register, vote and be a candidate in elections in England?

On 7 May 2024, the law changed meaning that some EU citizens living in England no longer have the right to register, vote or be a candidate in certain elections. EU citizens in England now have the following rights:

Citizens of...	Can register, vote or be a candidate in...		
	UK Parliament elections	Local elections	Police and Crime Commissioner elections
Republic of Ireland, Cyprus or Malta who are legally resident in the UK			
Denmark, Luxembourg, Poland, Portugal or Spain with any form of leave to remain in the UK			
Any other EU country not listed above who have been legally resident in the UK since before the UK left the EU on 31 December 2020			
Any other EU country not listed above who has permission to enter or stay in the UK, or who does not need permission, and who became resident in the UK on or after 1 January 2021			

Electoral Registration Officers are legally required to review if each EU citizen living in their area is eligible to register to vote. If you are a citizen of an EU country living in England, as part of this review they will contact you to either confirm you are still eligible or ask for more information. This may include information to help them confirm your immigration status.



You must be aged 18 or older to register, vote or be a candidate in elections in England. Check which elections you can register, vote and be a candidate in: [electoralcommission.org.uk/EUrights](https://electoralcommission.org.uk/EUrights)