Register to vote

Easy Read



You need to **register to vote** to take part in elections and referendums.



Register to vote means:

- Completing this form
- If your application is successful, your name goes on the list of people who are able to vote in elections





You can apply to **register to vote** either:

- Online at: **www.gov.uk/register-to-vote**



- Or by completing this form and sending it to your **Electoral Registration Office**



You can find the address of your Electoral Registration Office at **www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voter**

Who can register to vote?



You can register to vote if you are:

- Living in Wales



- Aged 14 or over



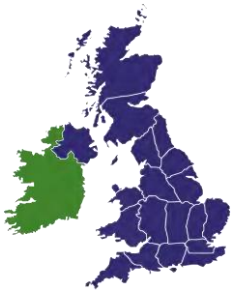
You will not be able to vote:

- In Senedd elections or local council elections until you are 16



- In UK Parliament elections or Police and Crime Commissioner elections until you are 18

You must also be 1 of the following:



- A British or Irish citizen



- A **Commonwealth** citizen who has permission to live in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man



- A **foreign national** who has permission to live in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man



The **Commonwealth** is a group of countries that mostly used to be part of the British Empire.



A **foreign national** is someone who was not born in the country they are living in.



- A European Union Citizen



Some Commonwealth citizens or foreign nationals do not need permission to live in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man.



Please contact your local Electoral Registration Office if you think this applies to you.



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Your name and address



Your first names



Your middle names

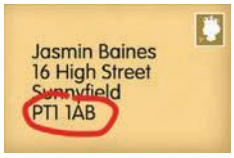


Your last name

Your address



Postcode



Do you also live at another address?



☐ No ☐ Yes

You don't have to give us your telephone number or email, but it helps if you do

Telephone number



Email



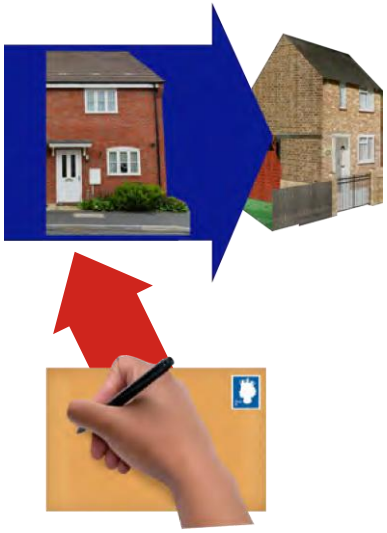
Moved house?

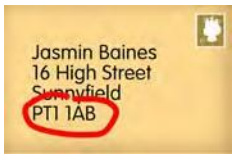


Have you moved house in the last 12 months?

☐ No ☐ Yes

If 'Yes' please tell us your previous address





Postcode



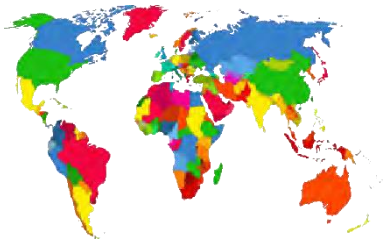
If your previous address was overseas, were you registered in the UK as an overseas voter?

☐ No ☐ Yes

Your nationality



Please write down your **nationality**. If you have more than one nationality, please write all your nationalities.



Nationality means the country you belong to.



We may:

- Ask you for more information about your nationality



- Check that your nationality is correct

Your immigration status



We use this section to check if you can vote in Police and Crime Commissioner elections.



You only need to fill in this section if you are a citizen of 1 of these countries:

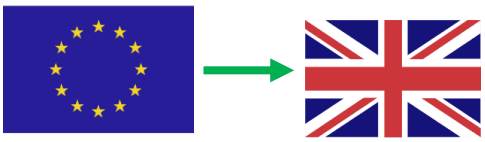
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Belgium
Bulgaria
Croatia
Czech Republic
Estonia
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Hungary
Italy
Latvia
Lithuania
Netherlands
Romania
Slovakia
Slovenia
Sweden



If you are **not** a citizen of 1 of these countries, you do not need to fill in this section. Please go to the **Your date of birth** section.



Please tick the Yes box if 1 or more applied to you on or before 31 December 2020 and has continued without a break:



- You have settled or pre-settled status under the EU settlement scheme (except if you applied as a joining family member)

- You have permission to enter or stay in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man



- You live in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man but the immigration rules do not apply to you



If none of these apply to you, please tick the No box.

☑ ☐ No ☐ Yes



If you have filled in this section, we might check what information the government has about your nationality or immigration status.

Your date of birth

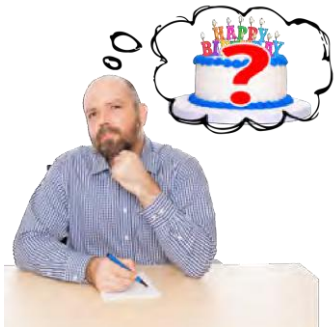


What is your date of birth?

Day (number)

Month

Year



If you don't know your date of birth, please tick if you are:



☐ Aged 14 -15

☐ Aged 16 -17

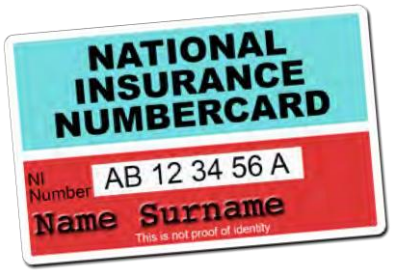


☐ Aged 18 - 75



☐ Aged 76 or over

Your National Insurance number



What is your National Insurance number? (This doesn't apply if you are under 16)



You may find this on a payslip or any official letters about tax, pensions or benefits.

☐ Please tick this box if you are under 16 years old.

Don't know?



If you don't know your nationality, date of birth or National Insurance number, please tell us why.

We may ask you for more information if you don't know these.

Changed your name?



(You don't have to answer these questions if you don't want, but it helps if you do.)

If you have changed your name, please tell us your previous name.



What date did you change your name?

The open register



Registration officers keep 2 registers:

- The electoral register
- The open register



The electoral register

This has the names and addresses of everyone who is registered to vote in elections.

It is used to make sure people are allowed to vote.



It can also be used to:

- Help the police detect a crime



- Call people to be on a **jury**



A **jury** is a group of people who decide if someone is guilty in some court cases.



- Check the names and addresses of people who want to borrow money



The open register

The open register is not used for elections. It can be bought by a person, company or organisation.



In Wales, there is an open register with the names and addresses of the people who can vote in UK Parliament and Police and Crime Commissioner elections.



If you are aged 16 or older your name and address will be on the open register unless you ask for it to be removed.

Your right to vote is not affected if you ask for your name to be removed.

☐ Please tick if you **do not** want your name to be on the open register.



People aged 14 or 15

People aged 14 or 15 will not be included on the open register.



They will be included on The Electoral Register, but only Electoral Registration Officers and their staff can see the details.



About six weeks before an election certain people need to be able to see the details of the people who can vote in the election.



If you will be 16 or older on the date of the election, your name and address will be given to:

- the people who run the election
- the people who you can vote for in the election



Worried about your safety?

If you are worried having your name and address on the register will affect your safety, or the safety of someone you live with, contact your Electoral Registration Office.



You can find the address of your Electoral Registration Office at **www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voter**

Postal vote,or by proxy



Most people vote at a polling station on polling day.



Do **not** fill in the boxes in this section if you want to vote at the polling station.



If you do not want to vote at the polling station, you can choose to vote by post or by **proxy**.



Proxy means allowing someone you trust to vote on your behalf.



You will need to fill in a form to vote by post or by **proxy**.



You can find more information about voting by post or proxy at **www.gov.uk/how-to-vote**



If you would like us to send you more information in the post, please let us know what information you would like by ticking the box:



☐ Information about voting by post



☐ Information about voting by **proxy**



☐ Information about voting by post and voting by **proxy**

Your signature

Please sign below to say that:



- You live at the address that you have written



- All the information you have given is true



- You understand that the information you have given will be used on the Electoral Register



- You understand that if you do not apply to be on the register of electors when you have been asked, it could lead to a fine of £80. This £80 fine does not apply to 14 and 15 year olds

- You understand that if you have given any wrong information you could get an unlimited fine and/or go to prison for up to 6 months



Signature



Today's date

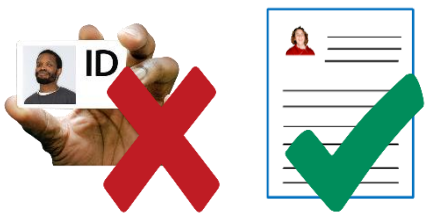
Voter ID



When you vote at a polling station you will need to take photo ID with you for UK Parliament and Police and Crime Commissioner elections.



You can find out more about photo ID at **www.gov.uk/how-to-vote/photo-id-youll-need**



If you do not have photo ID you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate to use as photo ID when you vote.



You can contact your local Electoral Registration Office and ask them to send you an easy read Voter Authority Certificate application form.



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Problems with this form?



If you are having problems with this form, or if you need more information, please contact your Electoral Registration Office.



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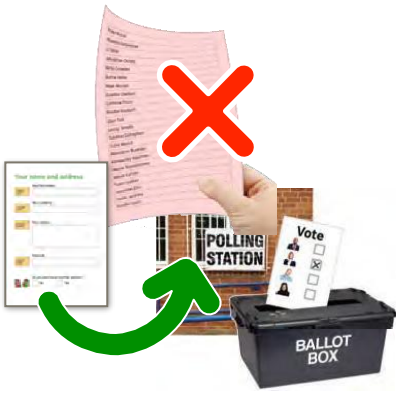
Privacy statement



If you choose to be on the Open Register your information can be bought by anyone.



They might use it to contact you to tell you about something or try and sell you something.



If you choose **not** to have your name and address on the Open Register, we will only use your information when we are running elections and referendums.



We will look after your information and keep it safe. We will follow the data protection laws.



We will not give any information about you to anyone unless the law says we must.



We use your information in ways that are set out in laws called Representation of the People Act 1983, the Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 and other laws.



The law says the **Data Controller** must have a privacy notice that explains how this information will be used.



The Electoral Registration Officer is the **Data Controller**.



For further information about how your personal data may be used, you should go to their privacy notice on their website.



You can find their website address and contact details at **www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voter**