Supply of the Electoral Register

This document sets out who is entitled to receive what copies of the full electoral register and, where possible, where these copies should be provided to.

The document does not consider the purposes for which the register once supplied can be used.

It does not cover the inspection of the register, or the sale of the edited/open register or the marked register. It also does not cover those who may be entitled to be supplied with the register under other enactments (for example non electoral legislation).

Before supplying the register, you need to be satisfied that the individual or organisation making the request is entitled to receive it.

Where a data copy is to be supplied, you should supply in the format requested wherever possible.

Detailed information on access and supply of the full electoral register can be found in our guidance for Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) England, Scotland or Wales.

We have also produced cover sheets for the supply on request and sale of the register, which set out how it may be used, the penalty for misuse, and that the data should be securely destroyed once the purpose for which it has been supplied has finished.

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SCOTLAND AND WALES

Beyond the limited circumstances set out in our Running electoral registration guidance for Electoral Registration Officers in Scotland and in Wales no information on those aged under 16 must be included on **any** version of the register published or otherwise made available.

Updates to this document

Updated	Description of change
October 2026	Updated address details for: - UK Statistics Authority - Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru / Boundary Commission for Wales
October 2025	Updated information or details for: - Electoral Commission - National Library of Wales - Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru

Table 1: Organisations and individuals entitled to receive a full copy of the register of electors on publication

Organisation / individual	Entitlement	Regulation(s)	Method of supply and contact
British Library	See **Table 4**	(E&W) 97 (Scotland) 96	See **Table 4**
National Library of Wales	See **Table 4**	(E&W) 97A	See **Table 4**
National Library of Scotland	See **Table 4**	(E&W) 97B (Scotland) 96	See **Table 4**

Organisation / individual	Entitlement	Regulation(s)	Method of supply and contact
Returning Officer for a local government election[1] Includes elections for: • Parish and Community councillors (England & Wales) • Members of the London Assembly • Mayor of London • Non-metropolitan county councils	Any revised register and any notice of alteration	(E&W) 98 (Scotland) 97	**When** – Free of charge on publication **Format** – A data copy (unless a written request is made for a printed copy prior to publication) **Contact** – Liaise with Returning Officer
UK Statistics Authority (Office for National Statistics)	Any revised register, any notice of alteration, and the list of overseas electors	(E&W) 99 (Scotland) 98	**When** – Free of charge on publication **Format** – A data copy (unless a written request is made for a printed copy prior to publication); in .csv format, but .xlsx format may also be used. **Data copy** to be sent via an agreed, secure electronic transfer method which adheres to Government requirements and assurances or via email siu.electoral.registers@ons.gov.uk **Please note that**: Files sent via DropBox, Box, Galaxkey or WeTransfer **will be refused**. **Printed copy** (only if requested) to: Data Acquisition and Operations Manager, Office for National Statistics, Government Buildings, Cardiff Road, Newport, South Wales, NP10 8XG

[1] The electoral area must fall partly or wholly within the registration area

Organisation / individual	Entitlement	Regulation(s)	Method of supply and contact
National Records of Scotland (Electoral Registration Officers in Scotland)	Any revised register, any notice of alteration, and the list of overseas electors	(Scotland) 98	**When** – Free of charge on publication **Format** – A data copy only **Data copy** to: william.howes@nrscotland.gov.uk
The Electoral Commission	Any revised register, any notice of alteration, and the list of overseas electors	(E&W) 100 (Scotland) 99	**When** – Free of charge on publication **Format** – A data copy (unless a written request is made for a printed copy prior to publication); CSV format only (EML, Word or PDF are not acceptable) Please send the full electoral register as one document (not as individual polling districts) and the list of overseas voters as a separate document. **Data copy** to: send via **Objective Connect**. For further information on using **Objective Connect**, please contact us on 0333 103 1928 or pef@electoralcommission.org.uk. If you have Egress Switch we are able to accept encrypted submissions using that portal sent to ElectoralRegistersMail@electoralcommission.org.uk. If you are unable to use either of the above methods, please contact us on 0333 103 1928 or pef@electoralcommission.org.uk so that we can discuss the best way of getting your register. We may not be able to download all registers immediately so, if possible, please do not set a download time restriction. If it is unavoidable, please contact us on pef@electoralcommission.org.uk so that we know a time-sensitive document is waiting in the inbox.

Organisation / individual	Entitlement	Regulation(s)	Method of supply and contact
Parliamentary Boundary Commission for England (Electoral Registration Officers in England)	Any revised register, any notice of alteration, and the list of overseas electors	(E&W) 101 (Scotland) 100	**When** – Free of charge on publication. Instructions will be sent out in advance of supply each year. **Format** – A data copy in Excel compatible format (xlsx, csv, tsv) by email, or via a secure system such as Egress Switch. please also include a data copy of a table showing the number of parliamentary electors in each Polling District in Excel compatible format (xlsx, csv, tsv). Details of the relevant table can be obtained from your EMS supplier). EML, Word or PDF are not acceptable for either of these. Please run both reports at the same time as you produce the RPF29 report for the Office for National Statistics to ensure all three are produced from the same version of the register. The Boundary Commission for England do not wish to receive paper copies of the register or any monthly updates. They request that you send an amended version of the register, with elector names removed. Local authorities should make this amend in Excel after producing the register from their database. The file should include polling district codes, franchise markers, and attainment dates. In addition, can each authority also send their polling district analysis as part of the same request. **Data copy** to: Registers@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk

Organisation / individual	Entitlement	Regulation(s)	Method of supply and contact
Local Government Boundary Commission for England (Electoral Registration Officers in England)	Any revised register, any notice of alteration, and the list of overseas electors	(E&W) 101	**When** – Free of charge on publication. Instructions will be sent out in advance of supply each year.
The Boundary Commission for Scotland (Electoral Registration Officers in Scotland)	Any revised register, any notice of alteration, and the list of overseas electors	(E&W) 101 (Scotland) 100	**When** – Free of charge on publication **Format** – A data copy (unless a written request is made for a printed copy prior to publication) **Data copy** to: electorate@scottishboundaries.gov.uk **Printed copy** (if requested) to: Boundary Commission for Scotland, Thistle House, 91 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh, EH12 5HD
Boundary Commission for Wales (Electoral Registration Officers in Wales)	Any revised register, any notice of alteration, and the list of overseas electors	(E&W) 101 (Scotland) 100	**When** – Free of charge on publication. Note: the Boundary Commission for Wales have asked to be supplied at their request only **Format** – A data copy (unless a written request is made for a printed copy prior to publication) by email in password protected CSV format, with the password in a separate email **Data copy** to: enquiries@dbcc.gov.uk **Printed copy** (if requested) to: Boundary Commission for Wales, 4th Floor, Welsh Government Building, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ

Organisation / individual	Entitlement	Regulation(s)	Method of supply and contact
Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru (as appropriate to the Electoral Registration Officer's area)	Any revised register, any notice of alteration, and the list of overseas electors	(E&W) 101 (Scotland) 100	**When** – Free of charge on publication However, the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru have asked to be **supplied at their request only** **Format** – A data copy (unless a written request is made for a printed copy prior to publication) by email in password protected CSV format, with the password in a separate email **Data copy** to: enquiries@dbcc.gov.uk **Printed copy** (if requested) to: Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru, 4th Floor, Welsh Government Building, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ
Boundaries for Scotland (as appropriate to the Electoral Registration Officer's area)	Any revised register, any notice of alteration, and the list of overseas electors	(E&W) 101 (Scotland) 100	**When** – Free of charge on publication **Format** – A data copy (unless a written request is made for a printed copy prior to publication) **Data copy** to: electorate@scottishboundaries.gov.uk **Printed copy** (if requested) to: Boundaries for Scotland, Thistle House, 91 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh, EH12 5HD
Jury Central Summoning Bureau (Electoral Registration Officers in England & Wales only)	The revised register indicating those persons who are aged 76 or over and are therefore not eligible for jury service	Section 3, Juries Act 1974	**When** – Free of charge on publication. Instructions will be sent out in advance of supply each year. Note: the version of the register which includes markers showing those aged 76 or over must not be used for any purpose other than summoning jurors.

Table 2: Organisations and individuals entitled to receive a full copy of the register of electors on request

Organisation / individual	Entitlement	Regulation(s)	Method of supply and contact
Elected representatives (including MPs, members of the Senedd, local councillors, the Mayor of London, London members of the London Assembly, constituency members of the London Assembly, elected mayors and combined authority mayors) within the registration area	The relevant part of the register for the area that they represent, and any notice of alteration and list of overseas electors relevant to the area	(E&W) 103 (Scotland) 102	**When** – Free supply on written request **Format** – A data copy (unless a request for a printed copy is made prior to supply) **Contact** – As advised by the elected representative
Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs) within the registration area	A revised version of the register and any notice of alteration (for as much as relates to their constituency or, for regional members, for the whole of the registration area)	Paragraph 3, Schedule 1, Scottish Parliament Order	**When** – Free of charge on written request **Format** – A data copy (unless a request for a printed copy is made prior to supply) **Contact** – As advised by the MSP
Police and Crime Commissioner (where the registration area is located in the police area)	The relevant part of the register and any notice of alteration for the police area that they represent	Paragraph 3, Schedule 1, PCC Elections Order 2012	**When** – Free supply on written request **Format** – A data copy (unless a request for a printed copy is made prior to supply) **Contact** – As advised by the elected representative

Organisation / individual	Entitlement	Regulation(s)	Method of supply and contact
Holders of relevant elective offices[2]	**Purely for the purpose of checking donations:** The revised register, any notice of alteration, and the list of overseas electors	(E&W) 104 (Scotland) 103 PPERA - Schedule 7, Paragraph 1(8)	**When** – Free supply on written request **Format** – A data copy (unless a request for a printed copy is made prior to supply) **Contact** – As advised by the holders of a relevant elective office
Candidates[3] **for the following elections**: - UK Parliament - Local government - Greater London Authority	**Purely for the purpose of checking donations:** The revised register, any notice of alteration, and the list of overseas electors	(E&W) 104 (Scotland) 103 PPERA - Schedule 7, Paragraph 1(8)	**When** – Free supply on written request **Format** – A data copy (unless a request for a printed copy is made prior to supply) **Contact** – As advised by the candidate
Candidates[3] **for the following elections:** - UK Parliament - Local government - Mayoral - Senedd (individual candidates only)	The part of the register where the candidate is standing, any relevant notice of alteration and list of overseas electors	(E&W) 108 (Scotland) 107	**When** – Free supply on written request **Format** – A data copy (unless a request for a printed copy is made prior to publication) **Contact** – As advised by the candidate

[2] Relevant elective office means a member of: the House of Commons; the Scottish Parliament; the Senedd; the Northern Ireland Assembly; and a Police and Crime Commissioner; and a member of any local authority in any part of the UK (including the Common Council of the City of London but excluding a parish or community council), or the Greater London Assembly, or the Mayor of London or an elected mayor within the meaning of Part II of the Local Government Act 2000, or mayor for a combined authority.

[3] Entitlement for candidates only applies when they **officially** become a candidate as per the relevant election rules. Further guidance is available in our guidance for candidates and agents.

Organisation / individual	Entitlement	Regulation(s)	Method of supply and contact
Constituency candidates[3], individual regional candidates[3] and the election agent of a registered political party which submits a list of candidates for election for the Scottish Parliament	A revised version of the register and any notice of alteration (for as much as relates to the area in which the candidate is standing)	Paragraph 4, Schedule 1, Scottish Parliament Order	**When** – Free of charge on written request **Format** – one data copy (unless a request for a printed copy is made prior to supply) **Contact** – As advised by the candidate or election agent of the registered political party
Individual candidates[3] at Police and Crime Commissioner elections (where the registration area is located in the police area)	The relevant part of the register for the police area where the candidate is standing, and any notice of alteration	Paragraph 5, Schedule 1, PCC Elections[4] Order 2012	**When** – Free supply on written request **Format** – A data copy (unless a request for a printed copy is made prior to supply) **Contact** – As advised by the candidate
Election agent for a registered party which submits a list of candidates at an election of the London members of the London Assembly, or an election for the Senedd	The relevant part of the register where the candidate is standing, any relevant notice of alteration and list of overseas electors	(E&W) 108 (Scotland) 107	**When** – Free supply on written request **Format** – A data copy (unless a request for a printed copy is made prior to publication) **Contact** – As advised by the candidate or election agent

[4] Paragraph 4 also permits supply on request for the purpose of complying with the controls on donations

Organisation / individual	Entitlement	Regulation(s)	Method of supply and contact
Local constituency parties	The whole or any part of the constituency which falls within the registration area, any notice of alteration and the list of overseas electors	(E&W) 105 (Scotland) 104	**When** – Free supply on written request **Format** – A data copy (unless a request for a printed copy is made prior to publication) **Contact** – The person nominated to act for a particular constituency by the registered nominating officer of a registered political party
Registered political parties • **a registered political party** other than a minor party within the meaning of Section 160(1) of PPERA • **a recognised third party** within the meaning of Section 85(5) of PPERA, other than a registered political party • **a permitted participant** within the meaning of Section 105(1) of PPERA, other than a registered political party	The whole or any part of the constituency which falls within the registration area, any notice of alteration and the list of overseas electors	(E&W) 106 (Scotland) 105	**When** – Free supply on written request **Format** – A data copy (unless a request for a printed copy is made prior to publication) **Contact** – As advised by the party or permitted participant, the Commission keeps a register of all such entities described here.
The council which appointed the Electoral Registration Officer	The revised register, any notice of alteration, and the list of overseas electors (relating to the area of the council)	(E&W) 107 (Scotland) 106	**When** – Free supply on written request **Format** – A data copy (unless a request for a printed copy is made prior to publication) **Contact** – As advised by the council
Local authority whose area contains all or part of the EROs responsibility e.g. county borough councils	The revised register, any notice of alteration, and the list of overseas electors	(E&W) 107	**When** – Free supply on written request **Format** – A data copy (unless a request for a printed copy is made prior to publication)

Organisation / individual	Entitlement	Regulation(s)	Method of supply and contact
(excludes parish and community councils)	(relating to the area of the local authority)		**Contact** – As advised by the local authority
Parish and community councils	The revised register, any notice of alteration, and the list of overseas electors (relating to the area of the parish or community council)	(E&W) 107 (Scotland) 106	**When** – Free supply on written request **Format** – A data copy (unless a request for a printed copy is made prior to publication) **Contact** – As advised by the Parish or Community council
Other eligible organisations: • the Security Service • the Government Communications Headquarters • the Secret Intelligence Service	The revised register, any notice of alteration, and the list of overseas electors	(E&W) 108A (Scotland) 107A	**When – Free supply on written request.** **Format – A data copy (unless a request for a printed copy is made prior to publication)** **Contact – As advised by relevant body**
Other eligible organisations: • Any police force in Great Britain • Police Service of Northern Ireland and the Police Service of Northern Ireland (Reserve) • National Crime Agency • Any body of constables established under enactment - In Wales, in relation to a register of local	The revised register, any notice of alteration, and the list of overseas electors	(E&W) 109 (Scotland) 108	**When** – Free supply on written request. **Format** – A data copy (unless a request for a printed copy is made prior to publication) **Contact** – As advised by relevant body

Organisation / individual	Entitlement	Regulation(s)	Method of supply and contact
government electors; The Police Information Technology Organisation			
A public library or local authority archives service where their remit includes the registration area	The relevant part of the revised register, any notice of alteration, and the list of overseas electors (the relevant part being that which the public library or local authority archives service has been given responsibility for keeping by a library authority or local authority)	(E&W) 109A (Scotland) 108A	**When** – Free supply on written request. **Format** – A data copy (unless a request for a printed copy is made prior to supply) **Contact** – As advised by the library or archives service
Returning Officer for the election of members to a National Park authority (Scotland only)	The latest revised register and any notice of alteration	(Scotland) 97A	**When** – Free of charge on request **Format** – As many printed copies as reasonably required for the purposes of the election (including a duty to supply one copy of each in data form) **Contact** – Liaise with Returning Officer

Table 3: Returning Officers entitled to receive a full copy of the register of electors for an election or recall petition

Note: Returning Officers for a local government election are entitled to free supply on publication (see table 1)

Organisation / individual	Entitlement	Regulation(s)	Method of supply & Contact
(Acting) Returning Officer for a Parliamentary election[1], if they are not the Electoral Registration Officer	The latest revised register, any notice of alteration, and the most recent list of overseas electors	(E&W) 98 (Scotland) 97	**When** – Free of charge as soon as the announcement is made of His Majesty's intention to dissolve Parliament or on the occurrence of a vacancy in the relevant constituency **Format** – As many printed copies as reasonably required for the purposes of the election (including a duty to supply one copy of each in data form) **Contact** – Liaise with (Acting) Returning Officer
Petition Officer In England and Wales this is the person who is the (Acting) Returning Officer in relation to the constituency if they are not also the Electoral Registration Officer. In Scotland this is the person who is the Returning Officer in relation to the constituency.	The latest revised version of the register of parliamentary electors for the constituency to which the petition relates, and the most recent list of overseas electors. Any notice published setting out an alteration to the latest version of that register.	Paragraph 1, Schedule 1, Recall of MPs Act 2015 (Recall Petition) Regulations 2016	**When –** Free of charge as soon as practicable after the Electoral Registration Officer is notified by the Petition Officer that the Petition Officer has received a Speaker's notice under section 5 of the Act. **Format** – As many printed copies as reasonably required for the purposes of the recall petition (including a duty to supply one copy of each in data form). **Contact** – Liaise with (Acting) Returning Officer in England or Wales, or the Returning Officer in Scotland.

Organisation / individual	Entitlement	Regulation(s)	Method of supply & Contact
	Any alteration notices issued in respect of a recall petition under s.13BC(6) of the 1983 Act as soon as practicable after any such notice is issued		
Local Returning Officer for a Police and Crime Commissioner election[1] – if they are not the Electoral Registration Officer	The latest revised register and any notice of alteration	Paragraph 1, Schedule 1, PCC Elections Order 2012	**When** – Free of charge, 60 days before the poll for an ordinary election, or on the date on which the vacancy occurs **Format** – As many printed copies as reasonably required for the purposes of the election (including a duty to supply one copy of each in data form) **Contact** – Liaise with Local Returning Officer
Police Area Returning Officer for a Police and Crime Commissioner election (where the registration area is located in the police area) – if they are not the Electoral Registration Officer	The latest revised register and any notice of alteration	Paragraph 1, Schedule 1, PCC Elections Order 2012	**When** – Free of charge, 60 days before the poll for an ordinary election, or on the date on which the vacancy occurs **Format** – As many printed copies as reasonably required for the purposes of the election (including a duty to supply one copy of each in data form) **Contact** – Liaise with Police Area Returning Officer
Returning Officers at a Senedd election[1] – if they are not the Electoral Registration Officer	The latest revised register and any notice of alteration	(E&W) 98 (Scotland) 97	**When** – Free of charge for the purposes of the election

Organisation / individual	Entitlement	Regulation(s)	Method of supply & Contact
			Format – As many printed copies as reasonably required for the purposes of the election (including a duty to supply one copy of each in data form) **Contact** – Liaise with relevant officer
Returning Officers for a Scottish Parliament election	The latest version of the register, any notice setting out an alteration to that register, and any record of anonymous entries	Paragraph 1, Schedule 1, Scottish Parliament Order	**When** – Free of charge as soon as the announcement is made of His Majesty's intention to dissolve Parliament or on the occurrence of a vacancy in the relevant constituency. **Format** – As many printed copies as reasonably required for the purposes of the election (including a duty to supply one copy of each in data form) **Contact** – As advised by the Returning Officer

Table 4: Requirement to supply to national libraries depending on location of the ERO

Library	ERO in England	ERO in Wales	ERO in Scotland	Data format	Contact address (printed)
British Library	**When** – Free of charge on publication of any revised register **Format**: • one printed copy and one data copy • one printed copy of the list of overseas electors	**When** – Free of charge on publication of any revised register **Format**: • one printed copy and one data copy • one printed copy of the list of overseas electors	**When** – Free of charge on publication of any revised register **Format**: • one printed copy and one data copy • one printed copy of the list of overseas electors	The British library supplies guidelines for the supply of electoral registers directly to each ERO	Electoral Register Receipt Research Engagement The British Library 96 Euston Road LONDON NW1 2DB
National Library of Wales	**When** – Free of charge on publication of any revised register **Format**: • one data copy[5] • one printed copy of the list of overseas electors	**When** – Free of charge on publication of any revised register **Format**: • one printed copy **and** one data copy • one printed copy of the list of overseas electors	No legislative provision requiring ERO to supply the register	e-mail (CSV format) to: paul.jackson@llgc.org.uk; or post a CD (followed by password in a separate envelope)	Official Publications Legal Deposit Unit The National Library of Wales Aberystwyth SY23 3BU
National Library of Scotland	**When** – Free of charge on publication of any revised register **Format**: • one data copy • one printed copy of the list of overseas electors	**When** – Free of charge on publication of any revised register **Format**: • one data copy • one printed copy of the list of overseas electors	**When** – Free of charge on publication of any revised register **Format**: • one printed copy and one data copy • one printed copy of the list of overseas electors	All EROs: digitalserials@nls.uk	Serials Team National Library of Scotland Upper Gray Street Edinburgh EH9 1SW

[5] unless a written request for a printed copy is made prior to publication

Table 5: Purchase of the electoral register

This table sets out those entitled to purchase the full electoral register. Information on calculating the relevant fees can be found in of our guidance for Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) for England, Scotland or Wales.

Organisation / individual	Entitlement	Regulation(s)	Method of supply & Contact
Government departments and other bodies: • a government department (in Scotland this includes the Scottish Administration) • (E&W) the Environment Agency; (Scotland) the Scottish Environment Protection Agency • the Financial Conduct Authority • the Prudential Regulation Authority • a body which carries out the vetting of any person for the purpose of safeguarding national security (excepting those organisations that are entitled to a copy free of charge)	Any revised register, any notice of alteration, and the list of overseas electors	(E&W) 113 (Scotland) 112	As advised on written request and on payment of the relevant fee. May request in data or printed format.

Organisation / individual	Entitlement	Regulation(s)	Method of supply & Contact
Credit reference agencies The organisation must: • have permission under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 to furnish persons with information relevant to the financial standing of other persons. You can check an organisation has been granted permission by viewing their registration details on the FCA website; and • be carrying on the business of providing credit reference services. Credit reference services is defined in the Regulations as the furnishing of persons with information relevant to the financial standing of individuals, which is information collected by the person furnishing it for the purpose of so furnishing it. You can view this information by expanding the 'permission' box for the organisation's registration on the FCA website.	On payment of the relevant fee, any revised register, any notice of alteration, and the list of overseas electors	(E&W) 114 (Scotland) 113	As advised on written request and on payment of the relevant fee. May request in data or printed format. Note: An ERO may require a credit reference agency to provide appropriate evidence that it is carrying on the business of providing credit reference services