



Register to vote

You need to be on the **electoral register** to vote in UK elections and referendums.

If you are based overseas, you can register as a **service voter** by completing an electoral registration form for members of the armed forces. This form allows you to be registered to vote at an address in the UK while you are away from home or posted abroad.

You can also register as a service voter if you live in the UK but may be posted elsewhere at short notice or if you are the spouse or civil partner of a member of the armed forces. As a service voter, you must renew your registration **every three years**, but you can cancel it at any time. You will receive a reminder letter from your electoral registration office telling you when you need to renew your Service Voter registration. If you change your address, you must inform the electoral registration office in the area where you are registered, or you will not receive your reminder.

If you are based in the UK, you can also register in the normal way by filling in the registration form delivered to your home between September and November **every year**. If you did not register last autumn or have moved since then, you can still register by filling in an electoral registration form.

How do I register to vote?

- 1 Fill in the electoral registration form.
- 2 Make sure **you** sign the declaration.
- 3 Return your completed form as soon as possible to your electoral registration office. You can find their contact details at www.aboutmyvote.co.uk

Register to vote as soon as you can, or it may be too late to vote in the next election.

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.

How can I vote?

You can vote in one of **three** ways.

- **By post** if you want your ballot paper sent to you. You should be aware that it may not be sent out until 4 working days before election day. So, you need to consider whether there is enough time to receive your ballot paper, mark your vote and return it **before** voting closes on election day. Ballot papers that arrive after this time will **not** be counted.
- **By proxy** when you ask someone you know and trust to vote on your behalf. Your proxy can either vote for you at your polling station or by post. Your proxy must be aged 18 or over and must be eligible to vote (for example, a British, Irish or qualifying Commonwealth citizen living in the UK). If you have appointed a proxy, you can still vote in person as long as your proxy has not already voted for you or applied to vote for you by post.
- **In person** if you are in the UK on election day. You can only vote at the polling station where you are registered to vote in the UK. You **cannot** vote in person if you, or your proxy, have applied to vote by post. If you have appointed a proxy, you can still vote in person, provided your proxy has not already voted for you.

If you want to vote by post or by proxy, you need to fill in one of the application forms that accompany this form.

More information

If you have any questions about registering to vote or about postal or proxy voting, contact your electoral registration office. This is the office responsible for the area where you would be living if you were not posted abroad or where you were last registered to vote in the UK.

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 to Northern Ireland. Visit www.eoni.org.uk for more information.

Electoral registration form for a member of Her Majesty's Armed Forces, or their spouse or civil partner



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

1 About you

Surname

First names (in full)

Nationality

Correspondence address

Postcode or BFPO

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

Daytime telephone or mobile number (optional) (including country codes)

Email address (optional)

2 UK registration address

Please give the full **UK** address where you would like to register. This can be:

- the address where you or your spouse or civil partner are currently living
- where you would be living if you were not in the Armed Forces
- if you cannot say where you would be living, give your last UK address before you took up the post

Postcode

This address is where:

I am living (or would be living if not in the Armed Forces).

I have lived but have no intention to return.

3 Service details

Please give your full service details. If you are the spouse or civil partner of a member of the Armed Forces, give their service details.

Rank or rating

Service (tick one box)

Royal Navy Army Royal Air Force

Service number

Regiment or Corps (Army only)

Please tick if you are the spouse or civil partner of a service voter.

4 Declaration

You must sign the declaration yourself. If the form is not signed, it will be rejected. This declaration cancels any previous declaration you may have made.

- 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.
- I am living in the UK or would be living in the UK if I or my spouse or civil partner were not serving in the Armed Forces.
- I am aged 18 or over. If you are under 18, please give your date of birth.

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- As far as I know, the details on this form are true and correct. I understand that to provide false information on this form is an offence, punishable on conviction by imprisonment of up to 6 months and/or a fine.

Signature

Today's date

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How do I apply to vote by post?

- 1 Fill in the postal vote application form.
- 2 Make sure **you** complete all sections of the form and supply your date of birth and signature.
- 3 Return your form as soon as possible to the address shown below.

Grampian Valuation Joint Board
Woodhill House
Westburn Road
Aberdeen

AB16 5GE

Please **do not** return your form to The Electoral Commission. **Please note:** your application form must arrive at your electoral registration office by 5pm **11 working days** before an election.

Voting by post

You can apply to vote by post for a particular election, for a set period of time or for all future elections. Postal votes can be sent out to addresses in the UK and abroad.

What happens after I've returned this form?

- When an election is going to be held, your ballot paper will be sent to you in the post. Remember, your ballot paper may not be sent out until four working days before election day. This may not allow enough time for you to return your ballot paper before voting closes, so voting by post may not be the best way for you to vote. You may want to consider voting by proxy (someone else voting for you).
- If your ballot paper does not arrive by the fourth working day before the election, contact the Returning Officer for a replacement. The Returning Officer can only issue replacements up to 5pm on election day.
- You will need to give your date of birth and signature on this application form, and again when you use your postal vote. This information is needed to prevent fraud. If you are unable to sign this form, please contact your Electoral Registration Officer.
- Make sure you return your postal vote so that it arrives by 10pm on election day, otherwise

it will not be counted. A Freepost envelope is included in your postal ballot pack. But, if you are sending it from overseas, you will need to pay the postage.

- If it is too late to send your vote back by post, you can hand it in on election day to the returning officer at your local council, drop it off at a polling station. For further information contact your Returning Officer.

More information

If you need more forms or have any questions about voting by post, go to www.aboutmyvote.co.uk or contact your electoral registration office. This is the office responsible for the address where you would be living if you were not posted abroad or where you were last registered to vote in the UK.

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1 About you

Surname

First names (in full)

The address where you are registered to vote in the UK.

Postcode

Daytime telephone or mobile number
(including country code)

E-mail address (optional)

2 How long do you want a postal vote for?

I want to vote by post at all elections (tick one box only):

until further notice (permanent postal vote)

for the elections to be held on

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3 Address for ballot paper

Please send my ballot paper to:

Address

Postcode

4 Your date of birth and declaration

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 of up to 2 years and/or a fine.

Date of birth: Please write your date of birth 'DD MM YYYY' in the black boxes below, using **black ink**.

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Signature: Sign below, keeping within the grey border.

If you are unable to sign this form, please contact your Electoral Registration Officer.

5 Date of application

Today's date

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How do I apply to vote by proxy?

- 1** You must ask someone if they are willing and able to be your proxy and vote on your behalf. Please note that a person can only be the proxy for close relatives and up to two other people at the same election.
- 2** Fill in the proxy vote application form.
- 3** Make sure **you** complete all sections of the form and supply your date of birth and signature.
- 4** Return your form as soon as possible to the address shown below.

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Woodhill House
Westburn Road
Aberdeen

AB16 5GE

Please **do not** return your form to the Electoral Commission. **Please note:** your application form must arrive at your electoral registration office by 5pm **11 working days** before an election when changing or cancelling an existing proxy, postal or postal proxy vote and by 5pm **6 working days** before an election when applying for a new proxy vote.

Voting by proxy

You can apply to vote by proxy for a particular election, for a set period of time or for all future elections. This form allows you to vote by proxy for as long as you remain registered as a Service Voter.

What happens after I've returned this form?

- Your proxy must go to **your** local polling station to vote. If your proxy cannot get to the polling station, they can apply to vote for you by post. They can apply to do this up to **11 working days** before election day. They should contact the electoral registration office for more details.
- Your proxy will be sent a proxy poll card, telling them where and when to vote on your behalf.
- You should let your proxy know how you want them to vote on your behalf, for example, which candidate or which party.
- If it turns out that you are able to go to the polling station on election day, you can vote in person as long as your proxy has not already done so and has not applied to vote for you by post.
- You will need to give your date of birth and signature on this application form. This information is needed to prevent fraud. If you are unable to sign this form, please contact your Electoral Registration Officer.

Voting as proxy

A person can only be a proxy for close relatives and up to two other people at an election.

Close relatives are the spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild of the applicant.

The proxy must be eligible to vote.

More information

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1 About you

Surname

First names (in full)

Correspondence address

Postcode or BFPO

Daytime telephone or mobile number
(including country code)

E-mail address (optional)

2 UK registration address

Please give your full **UK** registration address:

Postcode

3 About your proxy

Full name

Relationship to you (if any)

Full address

Postcode

4 How long do you want a proxy vote for?

I want to vote by proxy at all elections (tick one box only):

until further notice (while I am registered
as a Service Voter)

for the elections to be held on

for the period

from

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5 Your date of birth and declaration

Declaration: I have asked the person I have named as my proxy and confirm that he/she is willing and able to be appointed to vote on my behalf.

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 of up to 2 years and/or a fine.

Date of birth: Please write your date of birth 'DD MM YYYY' in the black boxes below, **using black ink**.

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Signature: Sign below, keeping within the grey border.

If you are unable to sign this form, please contact your Electoral Registration Officer.

6 Date of application

Today's date
