

Electoral registration form for a British citizen living overseas

Only one person can register using this form. Please read the notes carefully before filling in this form. This form does not apply to Crown Servants or British Council employees. Please write in black ink and use BLOCK LETTERS. When you have filled in every section and signed the form personally, send it to the electoral registration office.

1 About you

Surname

First name(s) (in full)

Current address (outside the UK)

This address will be used for correspondence.

Postcode

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

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

E-mail address (optional)

2 Your last UK registration details

Please give the full address where you were last registered to vote in the UK.

Postcode

If you have changed your name since you were last registered to vote in the UK, please give your previous name.

Surname

First names (in full)

Reason for changing name

Your last UK registration details (continued)

Please tick the **one** statement that applies to you.

I was last registered as an overseas voter on

_____ | | | | | | | | | |
D M Y

Now go to section 5

I was last registered as a UK resident or service voter until

_____ | | | | | | | | | |
D M Y

Now go to section 4

I was too young to have registered before I left the UK. Please give your date of birth

_____ | | | | | | | | | |
D M Y

Now go to section 3

3 Your parent or guardian

Fill in this section if you were too young to have registered when you left the UK. You must enclose a photocopy of your birth certificate.

The person named below is/was my (tick one box)

parent guardian

Surname

First names (in full)

If your parent or guardian's name is different from the name that appears on your birth certificate or has changed since your parent or guardian was last registered to vote, please give their previous name.

Surname

First names (in full)

I have enclosed a photocopy of my birth certificate

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Am I eligible to vote?

If you are a British citizen living abroad, you can apply to be an **overseas voter**.

As long as you were registered to vote in the UK within the last 15 years, you can register to vote from overseas. If you were too young to register when you left the UK, your parent or guardian must have been registered.

As an overseas voter, you are eligible to vote in elections for the **UK Parliament** and the **European Parliament**. You cannot vote in UK local elections, or elections to the Scottish Parliament.

If you live in a country which is a member of the European Union, you can vote in that country's own local and European parliamentary elections. But, you cannot vote in European elections in more than one country.

How do I register to vote?

1. Fill in the electoral registration form.
2. Make sure **you** sign the declaration and get another British citizen living overseas, but not a close relative, to sign the witness declaration.
3. Return your completed form as soon as possible to the electoral registration office.

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 electoral register – the **full** version and the **edited** version. 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.

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.

How can I vote?

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

- **By post** if you want your ballot sent to you. You should be aware that it will be sent to you about a week **before** the election. 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 at your local embassy or consulate. You can not 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 the electoral registration office at one of the addresses shown below, or telephone Freefone 0800 393783.

Moray House, 16-18 Bank Street
Inverness IV1 1QY

Robertson House, Greenhill Street
Dingwall IV15 9QR

3A Bridge Street
Wick KW1 4AG

42 Point Street
Stornoway HS1 2XF