

Electoral registration form for a Crown Servant or British Council employee (or spouse)

Am I eligible to vote?

If you are working outside the UK as a Crown Servant or as an employee of the British Council, you can still register of vote. You can also register if you are married to a Crown Servant or British Council employee and you are accompanying them during their employment abroad.

You need to be registered at the address where you would be living if you were in the UK, or at your last registered address.

British citizens, Irish citizens and qualifying citizens of the Commonwealth countries (including Cyprus and Malta) can vote at all elections. If you are unsure as to whether you are a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, seek clarification from the Electoral Registration Officer.

Citizens of other EU countries can vote in local government elections but cannot vote in UK parliamentary elections. If you are an EU citizen and want to vote in European parliamentary elections you must fill in a separate form. Contact your electoral registration office to ask for one.

How do I register to vote?

1. Fill in the electoral registration form.
2. Make sure **you** sign the declaration.
3. Get your completed form authorized by the relevant officer in your post or department.
4. Return your 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