

VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

Only ONE person per form please. If more forms are required or if you need help filling in this form, please telephone (0131) 344 2500.

Please write in BLACK INK and use BLOCK LETTERS

1. ABOUT YOU

Surname

First names (in full)

Nationality (include dual nationality if appropriate)

If you are under 18 years old, please give your date of birth

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Day

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Month

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Year

2. FULL POSTAL ADDRESS

You can only apply for registration at your current home. You can apply at your temporary home if you currently have no other home. There are some exceptions (eg students). If you have any questions regarding your residency, please contact this office.

Postcode

Tick here if you **DO NOT** want your name to be included on the **Edited Register**, which is available for general sale. Please read the accompanying notes for more information.

You do not have to give the following information but it will help us to contact you if there is a query about your form.

Daytime telephone or mobile number

E-mail address

3. PREVIOUS ADDRESS

Address where you were previously registered to vote

Postcode

Previous local council (if you know)

Your name will be taken off the Register for your previous address. However, if you believe you should still be registered at your old address, please say why below.

Please tick one of the boxes below if you wish to vote by post or proxy. You will be sent a separate application.

- Voting by post**
- Voting by proxy** - please enter a brief reason eg work, illness, holiday, etc.

4. 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 6 months and/or a fine.

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.

Signature

Date / /

THIS FORM SHOULD BE RETURNED TO:-

Electoral Registration Officer, 17A South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 9FL

HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE?

- 1 Fill in the electoral registration form.
- 2 Make sure **YOU** complete all sections of the form and sign the **DECLARATION**.
- 3 Return your form as soon as possible to your Electoral Registration Office.

WHO CAN REGISTER TO VOTE?

- Anyone aged 16 or over (but you cannot vote until you are 18).
- British or qualifying Commonwealth citizens. This means Commonwealth citizens who have leave to enter or remain in the UK or do not require such leave.
- Citizens of the Republic of Ireland or other European Union (EU) member states.

British citizens, Irish citizens and qualifying citizens of the commonwealth countries (including Cyprus and Malta) can vote at all elections.

Citizens of other EU member states resident in the UK can vote in local government elections but cannot vote in UK Parliamentary elections. Those resident in Scotland or Wales may also vote in Scottish Parliamentary or National Assembly for Wales elections. If you are an EU citizen and want to vote in European Parliamentary elections, you must fill in a separate form. Contact your local Electoral Registration Office to ask for one.

WHAT IS THE ELECTORAL REGISTER?

The Electoral Register is the list of everyone who is registered to vote. You must be on the Register to vote in elections and referendums. You are **NOT** automatically registered, even if you pay Council Tax.

You can register to vote at any time. If you are not registered, for example, if you have moved home, you need to fill in a registration form.

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.

MORE INFORMATION

If you need further help, please contact us on the telephone number noted below.

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