Electoral registration form for a British citizen living overseas

Am I eligible to register?

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

As long as you were registered to vote as a resident in the UK (or deemed to have been resident in the UK, for example by being registered as a service voter) 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.

Can I vote in all elections in the UK?

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 or mayoral 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 this electoral registration form.
2. Make sure you sign the declaration.
3. Return your completed form to us at the address shown above.

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

Only one person can register to vote using this form.

Use black ink and write in CAPITALS.

**Your name and address**

Forename(s)

Surname

Your current address outside the UK

We will only use this address to contact you about your registration.

The date you left the UK (DD MM YYYY).

Do you live at another address?

☐ No  ☐ Yes

**Moved in the last 12 months?**

☐ No  ☐ Yes

If yes, please give any previous address where you have lived during the last year.

Postcode

If this address was overseas, were you registered in the UK as an overseas voter?

☐ No  ☐ Yes

**Have you changed your name since you were last registered to vote in the UK?**

☐ No  ☐ Yes

If yes, please give us your previous full name.

What was the reason why you changed your name?
Your date of birth (DD MM YYYY)

If you don’t know your date of birth, please tick if you are:

- Under 18
- Over 18

Don’t know your exact date of birth?
Please give the date of birth you put on other official documents (for example, your passport or driving licence) or tick one of the boxes.

Your National Insurance number

You may find this on your payslip, or on official letters about tax, pensions or benefits.

Don’t know your date of birth, or National Insurance number?
Please tell us why.

If you cannot tell us your National Insurance number, we may need to ask you for proof of your identity. We will contact you about this, and it may take longer to deal with your application.

Contact details

Telephone number(s)

Email address (if you have one) in CAPITALS

You don’t have to give us your contact details, but if you do it will help us if we need to contact you about your registration.

Your registration address

Please tick ONE statement about the address above:

- I was registered to vote in the UK at the address above until [ ___________ ] (DD MM YYYY)
- I did not live at that address but was registered there as a service voter or as someone with no fixed or permanent address until [ ___________ ] (DD MM YYYY)
- I was too young to be registered to vote when I left the UK, but my parent or guardian was registered to vote as a resident in the UK at the address above.

Please give your parent or guardian’s full name.

This person is/was my

- Parent
- Guardian
### Previously registered as an overseas voter?

Tick the statement that applies to you:

- [ ] I was previously registered to vote as an overseas voter until [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] (DD MM YYYY) and I have not been registered to vote as a resident in the UK since then.
- [ ] I have never been registered to vote as an overseas voter before.
- [ ] I have not been registered to vote as an overseas voter since being registered to vote as a resident in the UK.

### Not previously registered as an overseas voter?

You **must** complete this section:

- if you have never been registered to vote as an overseas voter before
- or if you have not been registered to vote as an overseas voter since being registered to vote as a resident in the UK.

Please tick the one statement that applies to you:

- [ ] I hold a British passport stating that I am a British citizen.
  
  **British passport number**
  
  **Place of issue**
  
  **Date of issue (DD MM YYYY)** [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

- [ ] I do not hold a British passport stating that I am a British citizen, but I was not born in the UK before 1 January 1983.
  
  **Date you became a British citizen (DD MM YYYY)** [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
  
  Please explain how you became a British citizen.
  
  **Place and country of birth**

- [ ] I do not hold a British passport stating that I am a British citizen, but I was born in the UK before 1 January 1983.

For example, naturalisation.
Too young to be registered to vote when you left the UK?
You must complete this section if you were too young to be registered to vote when you left the UK and you are registering as an overseas voter for the first time.

☐ This is the first time I have applied to register as an overseas voter.
☐ I have enclosed a copy of my birth certificate.

Is your current name different to the name on your birth certificate?
☐ No ☐ Yes
If yes, please give us your previous full name.

Reason for changing name

Is your parent or guardian’s name different from the name shown on your birth certificate, or has it changed since they were last registered to vote?
☐ No ☐ Yes
If yes, please give us their previous full name.

Reason for changing name

The open register
☐ I don’t want my name to be included in the open register.

Registering anonymously?
☐ I have also submitted an application to register anonymously.

Can’t vote in person?
You will only be able to vote in person at the polling station where you are registered to vote in the UK, if you are there on polling day. Otherwise, please choose how you would like to vote and we will send you an application form.
☐ By post
☐ By proxy (someone voting on your behalf)

If you don’t know why they changed their name, please write ‘Unknown’.

There’s more information about the open register on page 6 of this form.
Declaration

I understand that this declaration cancels any previous declaration about voter registration in the UK I may have made.

I confirm that I am a British citizen and that I am not living in the UK.

To the best of my knowledge, the information in this form is true.

I understand that the information I have given on this form will be used on the electoral register.

I understand that if I do not make an application for registration when required to do so I could face a fine of £80.

I understand that if I knowingly give false information in this form, I could face a fine of up to £5,000 and/or up to six months in prison.

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Now return the form

Send the signed form (and a copy of your birth certificate, if we’ve asked for it) to the address on page 1 of this form.

When we receive your form

- If we need more information – for example, about your parent or guardian – we will contact you.
- If you are eligible, we will send you confirmation that you are on the electoral register. If you are aged 16 or 17, we will let you know when you are on the register.

Other information

The open register

There are two registers. Why?

Using information received from the public, registration officers keep two registers – the electoral register and the open register (also known as the edited register).

The electoral register

The electoral register lists the names and addresses of everyone who is registered to vote in public elections. The register is used for electoral purposes, such as making sure only eligible people can vote. It is also used for other limited purposes specified in law, such as:

- detecting crime (e.g. fraud)
- calling people for jury service
- checking credit applications.

The open register

The open register is an extract of the electoral register, but is not used for elections. It can be bought by any person, company or organisation. For example, it is used by businesses and charities to confirm name and address details.

Your name and address will be included in the open register unless you ask for them to be removed. Removing your details from the open register does not affect your right to vote.

You can find more information about both registers and how they may be used at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.