

10 The open register

The open register is an extract of the electoral register, but is not used for elections. It can be bought by anyone and is often used to confirm name and address details.

- Please tick if you do not want your name and address to be included in the open register. If you are aged under 16 your details will not be included in the open register. (More info P5)

11 Registering anonymously?

- I have also submitted an application to register anonymously

12 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, or you can download an application form at yourvotematters.co.uk

- By post By proxy (someone voting on your behalf) (More info P5)

13 Declaration (if you are a Crown Servant or British Council employee, or the spouse or registered civil partner of a Crown Servant or British Council employee)

I confirm that I am a British, Irish, European Union, qualifying Commonwealth citizen or qualifying foreign national.

(Qualifying Commonwealth citizens and qualifying foreign nationals are people who have leave to enter or remain in the UK or who do not require such leave).

I confirm that I would be living in the UK if I or my spouse or civil partner were not serving as a Crown servant or British Council employee.

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 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.

Signature

Today's date

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14 Declaration (if you are aged under 18 and if your parent or guardian is a Crown Servant or British Council employee and you are living with them)

I confirm that I am a British, Irish, European Union, qualifying Commonwealth citizen or qualifying foreign national.

(Qualifying Commonwealth citizens and qualifying foreign nationals are people who have leave to enter or remain in the UK or who do not require such leave).

I confirm that I am living with a parent or guardian who is a Crown servant or British Council employee and would be living in Scotland if my parent or guardian were not working abroad.

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 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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Your nationality

If you have more than one nationality, please include them all. You can only register to vote in the UK if you are a British, Irish or European Union citizen, or a Commonwealth citizen or foreign national who has leave to enter or remain in the UK or does not require such leave. We may need additional evidence about your nationality or we may check your nationality or immigration status against government records.

Your date of birth

If you don't know your date of birth please give the date you put on official documents (for example, your passport or driving licence) or tick one of the boxes. Your date of birth identifies you and confirms your eligibility to vote.

Changed your name?

For example, you may have got married and changed your name. You do not have to give us details of your name change but it will help us identify you. If this information is not given then you may need to provide additional documentary evidence.

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. If you are aged 16 or over 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.

If you are aged 14 or 15, you will not be included on the open register. You will be included on the electoral register, but only Electoral Registration Officers and their staff can usually see the details you provide. Your details will not be included in any register that is published. About six weeks before an election certain people need details of everyone who can vote in that election. If you will be 16 on the date of a Scottish Parliamentary or local council election, your name and address will be given to people who run the elections, and to candidates who want to provide information to voters. You can find out more information about both registers and how they may be used at gov.uk/register-to-vote

If you are concerned that having your name or address on the register may affect your safety, there could be other options available to you. In certain circumstances, you can register without your name and address showing on the register. To find out more, please contact the **Electoral Registration Officer, 17A South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 9FL. Telephone 0131 344 2500. E-mail enquiries@lothian-vjb.gov.uk**

Privacy statement

We collect information under the legal basis of a task carried out in the public interest, as set out in the Representation of the People Act 1983 and related regulations. We will look after personal information securely and follow data protection legislation.

If you opted-out of the open register we will only use the information you give us for electoral purposes, including matching it against other sources of data to support the electoral register. We will not give personal information to anyone else, unless we have to by law. The law requires us to share your information with candidates, political parties and campaigners for democratic engagement purposes and credit reference agencies to check your identity when you apply for credit.

If you have not opted-out of the open register your name and address can be bought by anyone and used for lots of purposes, including direct marketing.

The Electoral Registration Officer is the Data Controller: Gary Elliott, 17A South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 9FL, 0131 344 2500.

You should refer to the Privacy Notice at www.lothian-vjb.gov.uk/privacy/ for further information relating to the processing of personal data.