



# Registering to vote

You can only vote if your name is on the register of electors. We update the register every autumn.

Following a recent change in the law you do not have to wait until the autumn to register, we can add, delete and amend names throughout the year. This is known as rolling registration.

**All you have to do is fill in a voter registration form. You have to sign your form; someone else cannot do it for you.**

When you return the form we will add your name to our list of new applicants. Any elector can then object to your name being added to the register. If this happens we will write to you.

If no objection is received we will change your details within 2 to 6 weeks of receiving your form. We will write to you when your application is allowed.

There is no monthly update during September, October or November during the annual canvass period when all households have to register. A new register will be published on 1 December each year.

We will also tell the Electoral Registration Officer for your old address that you have moved, so that your name can be removed from that register if applicable.

There are special rules about names being added to the voters list during an election period. Because of these you may not be able to vote at that election if you are added during this time.

## The two versions of the register.

**The full register** has the names and addresses of everyone registered to vote and is updated every month. Anyone can look at it, but copies can only be supplied for certain purposes, such as elections and law enforcement. Credit reference agencies are also allowed to use the full register, but only to check your name and address if you are applying for credit, and to help stop 'money laundering'. Anyone who has a copy of the register will be committing a criminal offence if they unlawfully pass information from it. You do not have a choice about your name and address being on this register.

**The edited register** will be available for general sale and can be used for any purpose. You can choose not to be on it. It will be kept separate from the full register and can be bought by any person, company or organisation and could be used for different purposes such as checking your identity and commercial activities such as marketing.

**If you do tick the box** on this form, your name will only appear on the full register, which will only be used for certain lawful purposes, such as elections, law enforcement and checking applications for credit.

**If you do not tick the box** on this form, your name will also appear on the edited version of the register, which anyone can use for any purpose.

**Code of Data Matching Practice.** This authority is under a duty to protect the public funds it administers, and to this end may use the information you have provided on this form for the prevention and detection of fraud. It may also share this information with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds for these purposes.

**If there is anything you do not understand, or if you would like more information, contact:**

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