

Attestation to Support an Overseas Elector Application

This form is to be used to support an application to register to vote as an overseas elector.
Please make sure you provide all the required information.

1 – Applicant details (<i>details of the person who is applying to be an overseas elector</i>):	
a) Full name:	b) Application ref. (if known):
c) Overseas address (in full):	

2 – Attestor details (<i>your details – you must be a registered elector</i>):	
a) Full name:	
b) Residential address (in full):	
c) Address where registered as an elector (if different from residential address):	
d) Date of Birth:	e) Occupation:
f) Connection to the applicant and length of time connection has existed:	
g) Indication of the dates between which, to the best of your knowledge, the applicant was resident at the UK address stated in their application:	

3 – Complete either a, b or c depending on how you are registered to vote If you are registered as a domestic elector in GB complete a , if you are registered as an overseas elector complete b and if you are registered to vote in Northern Ireland complete c .	
a) Elector number (if domestic elector in GB):	
b) i) British passport number (if overseas elector): ii) Date and place passport issued:	
c) Digital Registration Number (if registered as an elector in Northern Ireland):	

4 – Declaration and signature	
I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant was previously resident at the UK address stated in their application. I am not the applicant's spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child, or grandchild. I have not attested more than two address attestations since the last publication of the electoral register, or since I was added to the register, whichever is the later date. * I am aware that it is an offence to provide false information and that the penalty is a fine and/or imprisonment. ** The information provided in this attestation is true. 	
Signature:	Date:

*The register of electors is usually published on 1 December. You can complete two address attestations per register year.

**Section 13D (1) Representation of the People Act 1983

We will only use the information you give us for purposes set out in the Representation of the People Act 1983 and related regulations. The Electoral Registration Officer is the Data Controller and is legally required to process your personal information securely and comply with data protection legislation.

How to Provide an Attestation

The attestation can be emailed to **overseasvoters@wandsworth.gov.uk** as long as the signature of the attester is an image of their handwritten wet ink signature.

If the attestation cannot be sent via email, it can be posted to **Electoral Services, Wandsworth Council, Town Hall, Wandsworth High Street, London SW18 2PU**.

Alternatively, it can be submitted in person at the **Customer Centre, Wandsworth High Street, London SW18 2PU** (on a weekday between 9am and 5pm, excluding bank holidays).

Why do I need to provide an attestation?

If you cannot provide documentary evidence that shows your connection to your previous address, you will need to ask someone who can verify your relevant address to complete the attestation form in support of your application.

If you cannot provide documentary evidence, your application to register as an overseas elector cannot be granted until an attestation which meets the legal requirements is provided. Please supply the attestation as soon as possible or your application may be rejected.

Who can provide an attestation to support an application to register to vote?

The person attesting an application:

- must **not** be the applicant's spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child, or grandchild.
- is not permitted to charge for providing an attestation.
- must be aged 18 or over.
- must be registered to vote in the UK:
 - if they are registered in Great Britain, they will need to provide their electoral number. If they don't know it, they can contact their electoral registration office at: gov.uk/contact-electoral-registration-office.
 - if they are registered in Northern Ireland, they will need to provide their digital registration number.
 - if they are registered as an overseas elector, they will need to provide their British passport number, together with its date and place of issue.
- must be a person of good standing if they are a domestic elector (someone registered to vote in the UK). Examples of what is meant by good standing can be found on the next page. If the person attesting your application is registered as an overseas elector, the requirement to be a person of good standing does not apply.
- cannot provide more than two address attestations (includes address, registration status, local connection, and relevant address attestations) since the last publication of the electoral register (usually 1 December) or since the attester was added to the register, whichever is the later date.

Examples of good standing

There is no precise definition of good standing, but the Electoral Commission consider it to mean someone who has credentials that can be checked and would suffer professional or reputational damage if they were to provide a false attestation.

An unemployed/retired person who is of good standing in the community is not excluded from attesting an application.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- accountant
- airline pilot
- articulated clerk of a limited company
- assurance agent of recognised company
- bank/building society official
- barrister
- chairman/director of limited company
- chiropodist
- commissioner of oaths
- civil servant (permanent)
- dentist
- director/manager of a VAT-registered charity
- director/manager/personnel officer of a VAT-registered company
- engineer (with professional qualifications)
- financial services intermediary (such as a stockbroker or insurance broker)
- fire service official
- funeral director
- insurance agent (full time) of a recognised company
- journalist
- Justice of the Peace
- legal secretary (fellow or associate member of the Institute of Legal Secretaries and PAs)
- pub licensee
- local government officer
- manager/personnel officer (of a limited company)
- medical professional
- member, associate or fellow of a professional body
- Merchant Navy officer
- minister of a recognised religion (including Christian Science)
- nurse (RGN and RMN)
- officer of the armed services
- optician
- paralegal (certified paralegal, qualified paralegal, or associate member of the Institute of Paralegals)
- person with honours (an OBE or MBE, for example)
- pharmacist
- photographer (professional)
- police officer
- Post Office official
- publicly elected representative (such as an MP, or councillor)
- president/secretary of a recognised organisation
- Salvation Army officer
- social worker
- solicitor
- surveyor
- teacher or lecturer
- trade union officer
- travel agent (qualified)
- valuer or auctioneer (fellows and associate members of the incorporated society)
- Warrant Officers and Chief Petty Officers