

Registering to vote the new way

You can only vote in elections if your name is on the Register of Electors. After a recent change in the law, names can be added throughout the year.

Moved house? Nearly 18? Not on the Register?

All you have to do is fill in the voter registration form enclosed. Each person listed must sign against their name in order to be added to the register. Anyone who does not sign, cannot be added to the register.

When you send us the form we will include you on our monthly list of amendments. Any elector can then object to a name being added to the register. If this happens we will write to the person concerned.

If your application is not objected to, we will change your details within 2 to 6 weeks of receiving your form. We will write to tell you when your application is allowed.

The two versions of the register

The electoral registration officer makes and keeps two versions of the electoral register – the full register and the edited register.

The full register lists everyone who is entitled to vote. You can check it by calling at the council offices. Only certain people and organisations can have copies of the full register, and they can only use it for specified purposes. These include electoral purposes, the prevention and detection of crime and checking your identity when you have applied for credit. The law says who can have a copy of the full register and what they can use it for. The full list of such persons and purposes is given in the Representation of the People (England and Wales)(Amendment) Regulations 2002. It is a criminal offence for them to pass it on to anyone else or to use it for any other purpose.

The edited register leaves out the names and addresses of people who have asked them to be excluded from that version of the register. The edited register can be bought by anyone who asks for a copy and they may use it for any purpose.

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

We will tell the Electoral Registration Officer for your old address that you have moved, so that your name can be removed from that register. People who live at two homes (including students) are allowed to register at both. If you do not want to be removed from your other address, please explain why on your form.

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.

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