

Electoral registration form

for a member of Her Majesty's Armed Forces, their spouse or civil partner

If you are a member of the Armed Forces, or the spouse or registered civil partner of a member of the Armed Forces, and you are a British, Irish or qualifying Commonwealth or EU citizen you can register either as a service voter or as an ordinary voter. The way you choose to register will depend on your personal circumstances.

- **You can register as a service voter using this form or by registering online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.** This allows you to be registered for five years at a fixed address in the UK even if you move around. You must renew your application every five years, but you can cancel it at any time. Registering as a service voter is particularly useful **if you are based overseas** or think you may be posted overseas in the next few years.
- **If you are based in the UK** and are unlikely to be posted overseas or change address in the next year, you can alternatively register to vote as an ordinary voter online by visiting www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or by completing a registration form which you can request by contacting us using the details above.

Your unit has a designated Unit Registration Officer who will be able to give you more information and advice. Ask your administration office for contact details.

How to register as a service voter

- 1 To register to vote in the UK, fill in the registration form overleaf.
 - You are resident at an address if that is your permanent home address. However, this does not mean you need to be physically present at that address all the time – if you are temporarily absent, for example, because you are posted abroad, you may still be resident at that address, provided the property remains your permanent home.
 - Whether you are resident at an address will depend on your individual circumstances. If you have any doubts about whether you are resident at an address, you should contact your local Electoral Registration Officer for advice.
- 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.

Go online

You can fill in this form at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

Who is eligible to register to vote?

You can register to vote in the UK if you are:

- resident (usually live in the UK or would if you weren't a member of the Armed Forces or their spouse/civil partner), and
- aged 16 or over (although you won't be able to vote until you are 18).

You must also be either:

- a British, Irish or European Union citizen, or
- a Commonwealth citizen who has leave to remain in the UK or who does not require leave to remain in the UK.

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Register to vote

Only one person can register to vote using this form.
Use **black ink** and write in CAPITALS or go online at
www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

 **Go online**

You can fill in this form at
www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

Your name and address

Forename(s)

Surname

Your UK registration address

Postcode

This address is where:

- I am currently living.
- I would be living if I or my spouse or civil partner were not in the
Armed Forces and posted abroad.
- I have lived in the past.

Your correspondence address or British Forces Post Office Number

Postcode

Please give the full UK address
where you would like to register.
This can be:

- the address where you or your spouse or civil partner are currently living
- if you or your spouse or civil partner are posted abroad and not resident in the UK, the address where you would be living if you or your spouse or civil partner were not posted abroad.

If you cannot say where you are or
would be living, give an address
where you have lived in the past.

Changed your name in the last 12 months?

No Yes

If yes, please give us your previous name.

Please tell us the date you changed your name (DD MM YYYY).

For example, you may have got
married.

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 is overseas, were you registered in the UK as an overseas voter?

No Yes

Your service details

Rank or rating

Royal Navy Army Royal Air Force

Service number

Regiment or corps (Army only)

Brigade, squadron or other organisational details

Or, I am the spouse or civil partner of a member of the Armed Forces, and have given their service details above.

Your date of birth (DD MM YYYY)

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

Under 18 18–70 Over 70

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 nationality

If you have more than one nationality, please include them all.

You can only register to vote in the UK if you have leave to remain. We may check your immigration status with the Home Office before we include you on the electoral register.

Your National Insurance number

You can find this on your payslip, your JPA page, or on official letters about tax, pensions or benefits.

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.

Don't know your date of birth, nationality or National Insurance number?

Please tell us why.

Contact details

Telephone number(s) including country code

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.

The open register

I don't want my name and address to be included in the open register.

There's more information about the open register at the bottom of this page.

Registering anonymously?

I have also submitted an application to register anonymously.

Can't vote in person?

If you are unable to go to the polling station in person on polling day, please choose how you would like to vote and we will send you a form.

By post

By proxy (someone voting on your behalf)

You can also download an application form at www.aboutmyvote.co.uk.

Declaration

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

I confirm that I am living in the UK or would be living in the UK if I or my spouse or civil partner were not serving in the Armed Forces.

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.

Signature

Date (DD MM YYYY)

Qualifying Commonwealth citizens are people who have leave to enter or remain in the UK or who do not require such leave.

Now return the form

Send the signed form in the reply-paid envelope – or to the address on page 1 of this form.

When we receive your form

- ▶ If we need more information – for example, about another address or, if you are a Commonwealth citizen, about your immigration status – 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.

Your personal information

We will only use the information you give us for electoral purposes. We will look after personal information securely and we will follow the Data Protection Act 1998. We will not give personal information about you and the other people in your household to anyone else or another organisation unless we have to by law.