

Registering to vote

You can only vote in elections if your name is on the register of electors. The register is updated annually but we can also add names throughout the year.

Moved home? Coming up to 18? Not on the register?

All you have to do is fill in a voter registration form. When you send us your form, we will add you to our list of new applications. Any elector can then object to your name being added to the register. If this happens we will write to you.

If your application is not objected to, we will change your details within 7 weeks of receiving your form. We will write to tell you when your application is allowed.

If we get your form before.....	Your details will be changed on.....
Tuesday 11 December, 2007	Wednesday 2 January, 2008
Thursday 10 January, 2008	Friday 1 February, 2008
Friday 8 February, 2008	Monday 3 March, 2008
Monday 10 March, 2008	Tuesday 1 April, 2008
Thursday 10 April, 2008	Thursday 1 May, 2008
Friday 9 May, 2008	Monday 2 June, 2008
Monday 9 June, 2008	Tuesday 1 July, 2008
Thursday 10 July, 2008	Friday 1 August, 2008
Friday 8 August, 2008	Monday 1 September, 2008

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. People who live at two homes (including students) are allowed to register at both. If you do not want to be removed your other address, explain why on the 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.

The Two Versions of the Register

The electoral registration officer makes and keeps two versions of the electoral register – the full register and 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 names and addresses of people who have asked for them to be excluded from that version of the register. This register can be bought by anyone who asks for a copy and they may use it for any purpose.

**If you have any queries on this form please telephone helpline:
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