

## HOW DO I REGISTER?

Registering to vote is straightforward.

- 1 Go to [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)
- 2 Fill in your name, address, date of birth and a few other details. You'll also need your National Insurance number, which can be found on your National Insurance card, or in official paperwork such as payslips, or letters about benefits or tax credits.
- 3 Look out for confirmation from your local electoral registration staff to say you're registered.



## YOU NEED TO BE REGISTERED IN ORDER TO VOTE IN ELECTIONS AND REFERENDUMS



## MORE INFORMATION

For more information, visit [www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk) or contact your electoral registration office.

In England and Wales, the electoral registration office is based at your local council. In Scotland, it may be a separate office. For contact details, visit [www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk)

## WHO HAS MY PERSONAL DETAILS?

How personal details are used  
in voter registration



**YOUR VOTE MATTERS  
MAKE SURE YOU'RE IN**



## WHAT IS THE ELECTORAL REGISTER?

Registers are managed locally by registration officers.

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 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 (eg, fraud), calling people for jury service and 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 ask for them to be removed by contacting your local council's electoral registration staff. You can find their details by entering your postcode at [www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk).

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## HOW DO I JOIN OR GET REMOVED FROM THE OPEN REGISTER?

If you are registering online at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) you can click the checkbox if you do not want your name and address listed on the open register.

You can also change your opt-out preference at any time by making a request to local electoral registration staff with your full name, address and an indication of whether you wish to be included in or omitted from the open register.

