



# Registering to Vote

You can only vote in elections if your name is on the register of electors. We update the register every autumn. But we can also add names throughout the year. All you have to do is fill in a voter registration form.

## Who can register to vote?

- Anyone aged 16 or over (but you cannot vote until you are 18)
- Citizens of the Republic of Ireland and other European Union (EU) member states
  - British & qualifying Commonwealth citizens\* (*\* Qualifying Commonwealth citizens means Commonwealth citizens who have leave to enter or remain in the UK or do not require such leave*)

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.

Last Day for Receipt of Applications	Details Updated:
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2010	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2011
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2011	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2011
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2011	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2011
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2011	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2011
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2011
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2011	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2011
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2011	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2011
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2011	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2011
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> August 2011	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2011
<b>Forms received after 10<sup>th</sup> August 2011 (during annual update of Electoral Register) will not be added until the new Register is published on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011</b>	

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 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.

## 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** - The full register lists everyone who is entitled to vote. You can check it by calling at the council offices or at some local libraries. 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** - The edited register leaves out the names and addresses of people who have asked for 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.

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