

Am I eligible to vote?

If you are working outside the UK as a Crown Servant or as an employee of the British Council, you can still register to vote. You can also register if you are married to a Crown Servant or British Council employee and you are accompanying them during their employment abroad.

You need to be registered at the address where you would be living if you were in Northern Ireland, or at your last registered address.

British citizens, Irish citizens and citizens of the Commonwealth countries (including Cyprus and Malta) can vote at all elections.

Citizens of other EU countries can vote in local government elections but cannot vote in UK parliamentary elections. If you are an EU citizen and want to vote in European parliamentary elections you must fill in a separate form. Contact your Area Electoral Office to ask for one.

How do I register to vote?

- Fill in the form overleaf.
- Make sure **you** sign the declaration.
- Get your completed form authorised by the relevant officer in your post or department.
- Return your form as soon as possible to your Area Electoral Office. You can find their contact details at

www.eoni.org.uk/Utility/Contact-Us

You must renew your registration every year or you will lose your right to vote. You will receive a reminder from your Area Electoral Office telling you when you need to do this. If you change your address, you must inform the Area Electoral Officer in the area where you are registered, or you will not receive your reminder.

Who has my personal details?

There are two versions of the electoral register – the **full** version and the **edited** version. The full register is used for elections and referendums, preventing and detecting crime, and checking applications for credit. The edited register is available for general sale and can be used for commercial activities such as marketing.

Your details will appear on the full version of the register, but you can **choose** whether or not your details appear on the edited register.

How can I vote?

You can vote in one of **three** ways.

- **By post** if you want your ballot paper sent to you. You should be aware that it may not be sent out until a week before election day and cannot be sent to an address outside the UK. So, you need to consider if there is enough time to receive your ballot paper, mark your vote and return it before voting closes on election day. If it is received after this time it will not be counted.
- **By proxy** if you want someone else to vote on your behalf. Your proxy must be aged 18 or over, a British, Irish or Commonwealth citizen and be living in the UK. Your proxy can either vote at the polling station for the area where you are registered, or by post.
- **In person** if you are in the UK on election day. You can only vote at the polling station where you are registered to vote in Northern Ireland. You **cannot** vote at your local embassy or consulate. You can not vote in person if you, or your proxy, have applied to vote by post. If you have appointed a proxy, you can still vote in person, provided your proxy has not already voted for you.

If you want to vote by post or proxy, you need to fill in the relevant application form on page 3.

More information

If you have any questions about registering to vote or about postal or proxy voting, contact your Area Electoral Office. This is the office responsible for the area where you would be living if you were not posted abroad or where you were last registered to vote in Northern Ireland.

For contact details, go to
www.eoni.org.uk/Utility/Contact-Us

Electoral registration form for a Crown Servant or British Council employee (or spouse or civil partner)

Only one person can register using this form. Please read the notes carefully before filling in this form. Please write in black ink and use **BLOCK LETTERS**. When you have filled in **every** section and signed the form personally, send it to your electoral registration office.

1 About you

Surname

First names (in full)

Current address (outside the UK)

This address will be used for correspondence.

Post code

Nationality

Date of birth

National insurance number

Tick this box if you have never had a
National insurance number

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Tick here if you do not want your name to
be included on the edited register which
is available for general sale.

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Daytime telephone number or mobile number
(optional)(including country codes)

2 Northern Ireland registration address

Please give the full address where you would be living in Northern Ireland if you were not working abroad. If you cannot say where you would be living, give your last address before you or your spouse or civil partner took up your post.

3 Employment

Please tick the one statement that applies to you.

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I am employed (or am about to take up employment) as a Crown Servant

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I am employed (or am about to take up employment) as a British Council employee

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I am the wife, husband or civil partner of a Crown Servant

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I am the wife husband or civil partner of a British Council employee

Description of your/your wife's/your husband's /your civil partner's post. If you are a Crown Servant, please include the name of your government department.

4 Declaration

You must sign the declaration yourself. If the form is not signed, it will be sent back to you. This declaration cancels any previous declaration you may have made

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

I am aged 18 or over.

As far as I know, the details on this form are true and correct. I understand that to provide false information on this form is an offence punishable on conviction by imprisonment of up to 6 months and/or a fine

Signature

Date

Official stamp of government department or British Council.

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Polling district:

Date received:

Elector number:

Date added:

Application to vote by post or proxy for a Crown Servant or British Council employee (or spouse or civil partner)

You can use this form to apply to vote by post or proxy for as long as you remain registered as a Crown servant, British Council employee or their spouse or civil partner. Please indicate below whether you wish to vote by post or proxy and fill in the relevant section of the form.

If you choose to vote by post remember that the ballot paper can only be sent to an address in the UK and there may not be enough time for you to receive it and return it before voting closes on polling day. You may want to consider voting by proxy.

If you choose to appoint a proxy you must ask the person you wish to appoint if they are willing and able to be your proxy. Please note that a person can only act as proxy for close relatives and up to two other people at the same election, they must be eligible to vote. Your proxy will be sent a proxy poll card telling them where and when to vote on your behalf.

5 Postal Vote

I wish to vote by post ☐

My ballot paper should be posted to me at (address
Must be in the UK)

Post code

Declaration

As far as I know, the details on this form are true and accurate. I understand that to provide false information on this form is an offence, punishable on conviction by imprisonment of up to 2 years and/or a fine.

Date of Birth

Signature

Date

6 Proxy Vote

I wish to vote by proxy ☐

The name and address of my proxy is:

Full Name

Address

Post code

Relationship to you (if any)

Declaration

I have asked the person I have named as my proxy and confirm that he/she is willing and able to be appointed to vote on my behalf.

As far as I know, the details on this form are true and accurate. I understand that to provide false information on this form is an offence, punishable on conviction by imprisonment of up to 2 years and/or a fine.

Date of Birth

Signature

Date
