

# Electoral registration form for a British or eligible Irish citizen\* living overseas

You need to be on the electoral register to vote in elections and referendums. If you are a British or eligible Irish citizen\* living outside the United Kingdom, you can apply to be an overseas voter provided you are of voting age and were registered to vote in Northern Ireland within the last 15 years. If you were too young to register when you left Northern Ireland your parent or guardian must have been registered.

As an overseas elector, you are eligible to vote at elections for the UK Parliament and the European Parliament. You cannot vote in local elections or elections to the Northern Ireland Assembly. This form will allow you to register as an overseas elector for **one year**. We will write to you before your registration expires to remind you to renew your registration.

\* An 'eligible Irish citizen' is someone who was born in Northern Ireland, who is an Irish citizen and also qualifies as a British citizen (whether or not they identify themselves as such)

## How do I register as an overseas elector?

Fill in the registration form. **Please give a telephone number and email address in case we have any queries about your form.**

Make sure you sign the declaration and ask another person who is either a British citizen or an eligible Irish citizen\* to sign the witness declaration. This person must be over 18, not related to you and not resident in the United Kingdom

Decide how you want to vote – in person (if you are likely to be in Northern Ireland on the date of an election) or by proxy (someone you appoint to vote on your behalf). If you wish to vote by proxy complete section 6. Please note you cannot choose to vote by post because the address to which the ballot paper is to be sent must be in the United Kingdom.

Return the completed form to the Area Electoral Office responsible for the address where you were last registered to vote in Northern Ireland. You can find the correct office by telephoning the Helpline on 0800 4320 712 or a list of offices can be found on our website [www.eoni.org.uk](http://www.eoni.org.uk).

You must renew your overseas voter 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 Office in the area where you are registered, or you will not receive your reminder.

There are two versions of the register: the full and the edited version. 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

**The edited register.** If you tick the 'edited register' box, your name and address will not appear on the edited register, which anyone can buy or use for any purpose. Any person, company or organisation including 'junk-mail' companies can buy a copy of the edited register for business activities such as marketing.

**The full register** lists the name and address of everyone who is registered. By law, certain public organisations and people, including politicians, can receive the full register. Anyone can look at it but it is a crime to supply or use the information for purposes other than those allowed by law. Credit reference agencies can use the full register, but only to check your name and address if you are applying for credit.

## More information

You can contact us in one of the following ways:

Helpline: 0800 4320 712  
Email: [info@eoni.org.uk](mailto:info@eoni.org.uk)  
Website: [www.eoni.org.uk](http://www.eoni.org.uk)

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Please read the notes carefully before filling in this form.  
Please write in black ink and use BLOCK LETTERS.

When you have completed every section and signed the form personally send it to your Area Electoral Office (see notes).

## 1 About you

Surname

First Name

Middle Name(s)

Current full address outside the UK (this will be used for correspondence)

Address

Post Code

Nationality

Date of Birth

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National Insurance No.

☐

Tick this box if you have never had a National Insurance Number

Telephone Number (in case of query)

E-mail address (in case of query)

## 2 Edited Register

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Tick this box if you do not want your name to be included on the edited register which is available for general sale (see guidance notes).

## 3 Your last Northern Ireland registration details

Please give the full address where you were last registered to vote in Northern Ireland.

Address

Postcode

If you have changed your name since you were last registered to vote in Northern Ireland, please give your previous name and the reason for the change.

Surname

Forename

Reason for change

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WARD	DATE	CODE

Please tick one statement that applies to you.

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I was last registered as an overseas elector on:

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NOW GO TO SECTION 6

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I was last registered as a Northern Ireland resident or service voter until:

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NOW GO TO SECTION 5

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I was too young to have been registered before I left Northern Ireland. My date of birth is given opposite.

NOW GO TO SECTION 4

## 4 Your parent or guardian

Fill in this section if you were too young to have registered in Northern Ireland. You must enclose a copy of your birth certificate.

The person named below is/was my (tick one box):

Parent

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Guardian

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Full name

Only fill in this section if your parent or guardian's name is different from the name that appears on your birth certificate or has changed since you parent or guardian was last registered to vote, please give their previous name and the reason for the change.

Previous Surname

Previous forenames

Reason for change

If you do not know the reason tick this box

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I have enclosed a photocopy of my birth certificate

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Please give the full address where your parent or guardian was last registered in Northern Ireland.

Address

Post code

## 5 Citizenship

Please tick one or more of the following statements which applies to you:

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I am a British citizen

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I am an eligible Irish citizen\*

Now complete **one** section (A, B or C) in respect of **either** British citizenship or eligible Irish citizenship.

Note that section B does not apply to eligible Irish citizens.

### SECTION A

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I am a British/eligible Irish citizen\* and I hold a British/Irish passport.  
(delete as appropriate)

British/Irish Passport number

Place of issue

Date of issue

### SECTION B

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I do not hold a British Passport describing me as a 'British citizen' but I was born at the following place in the UK before 1 January 1983.

Place of birth

### SECTION C

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I am a British/eligible Irish citizen\* but my passport does not state that I am a British/eligible Irish\* citizen.

Date of birth

Place of birth  
(inc. country)

Date I became a British/eligible Irish citizen\*

Please explain how you became a British/eligible Irish citizen\* e.g. naturalisation

## 6 Details of my proxy voter

An overseas voter may apply to vote by proxy (a proxy is someone you nominate to vote on your behalf). You must ask the person if they are willing and able to be your proxy. A proxy can only be proxy for a spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild and up to two other people at the same election.

**I wish to vote by proxy. The name and address of my proxy is:**

Proxy's full name

Proxy's address

Post code

Proxy's 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.

You must sign below.

Signature

## 7 Applicant 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 that you may have made.

I am a British citizen or an eligible Irish citizen\*. I am not living in Northern Ireland.

Please tick one statement that applies to you:

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I ceased to live in Northern Ireland on:

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I ceased to be a crown servant, and employee of the British Council, or a member of Her Majesty's forces on:

As far as I know, the details on this form are true and accurate.

Signature

Date

## 8 Witness Declaration

If this is the first time you have registered as an overseas voter, you need to get another person to complete this declaration.

I am aged 18 or over. I hold a British passport stating that I am a British citizen and/or I am an eligible Irish citizen\* who is the bearer of an Irish passport. I am not living in the UK. I am not the applicant's spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild. To the best of my knowledge, the applicant is a British or eligible Irish citizen and is not living in the UK at the time of his/her declaration.

Witness name in full

Witness address

Witness signature

Date

My British/Irish passport no.

Place of issue

Date of issue