

Your nationality

If you have more than one nationality, please include them all. If you are a Commonwealth citizen you can only register to vote in the UK if you have leave to enter or remain in the UK or do not require such leave. We may check your immigration status with the Home Office before we include you on the electoral register.

Are you the only person aged 16 or over at your current address?

You do not have to answer this question. However, every year, Electoral Registration Officers send letters to every household to help ensure the right people are registered to vote. Your Electoral Registration Officer may not need to send these letters to your household in the near future if you let them know that you are the only person aged 16 or over living at your current address.

Your date of birth

Please give the date you put on official documents (for example, your passport or driving licence) or tick one of the boxes. Your date of birth identifies you, confirms your eligibility to vote and can be used to call people for jury service.

Changed your name?

For example, you may have got married and changed your name. You do not have to give us details of your name change but it will help us identify you. If this information is not given then you may need to provide additional documentary evidence.

The open register

There are two registers. Why?

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

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 (e.g. fraud)
- calling people for jury service
- 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.

If you are concerned that having your name or address on the register may affect your safety, there could be other options available to you. In certain circumstances, you can register without your name and address showing on the register. To find out more, please contact your Electoral Registration Officer. You can find their address on p1 of this form. You can find out more information about both registers and how they may be used at gov.uk/register-to-vote.

Your personal information

We will only use the information you give us for electoral purposes.

We will look after personal information securely and we will follow the Data Protection Act 1998.

We will not give personal information about you and the other people in your household to anyone else or another organisation unless we have to by law.

Problems with the form?

Contact your Electoral Registration Officer if you need any help understanding or completing this form – or if you need this form in large print or in another format. You can find their address on p1 of this form.



YOUR VOTE MATTERS

DON'T LOSE IT



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Email electors@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Web www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/vote

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Care Home Welcome Pack

Dear resident,

Now that you have moved into residential care it is important that you register to vote at your new address. It is the duty of every adult in the UK to register, although it is not compulsory to vote in elections or referendums. You can register in one of three ways:-

- Complete and sign the attached form and return it to us using the pre-paid envelope supplied.
- Go online to register at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. This is the quickest way to register on computer, tablet or smartphone.
- Call the Electoral Services team at Brighton & Hove City Council on 01273 291999. It may be possible for one of their canvassers to visit and assist with your registration.

Proof of identity

If you don't know your National Insurance Number you can ask the manager for a **form of attestation** to accompany your application. This simply confirms your identity in a different way, ensuring that your application is not delayed and will avoid you having to supply copies of other documents at a later date.

Postal vote

If you feel that you would not be able to vote in person this pack also includes a postal vote form which you can use for one election, or until further notice. It can be returned in the pre paid envelope with or without the paper form. If you would like a postal vote but are concerned that you might not be able to provide a consistent signature, please get in touch with us to see if we can arrange a waiver for this requirement.

Open register

Most care home residents elect to opt-out from the open register. This simply means that their details cannot be used by companies seeking to contact prospective customers about their goods and services. It does not interfere with your right to vote.

Capability

Some residents may have difficulty understanding the registration process or be distressed by the prospect of filling out forms. If this is true in your case, please talk to your care home staff – it may be possible to arrange for a personal visit or to be excused from the registration process entirely.

If you would like to find out more about registering to vote, or anything else in this pack, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the team here on 01273 291999.

Yours sincerely,

Abraham Ghebre-Ghiorghis
Electoral Registration Officer

