

Register to vote

This Easy Read leaflet is based on information from the Government website: www.gov.uk/register-to-vote



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Introduction



There is going to be a General Election on Thursday, 12 December.



This leaflet explains:

- What a General Election is
- How to register to vote



General Election

A **General Election** is when we vote for someone to be our **Member of Parliament (MP)**.



Members of Parliament (MPs) are people who:

- Make laws
- Speak up for their local area
- Check that the Government is working properly





MPs are in different political parties, like the Conservative Party, the Labour Party and others.



The party with largest number of MPs will form the next Government.

Register to vote



Register to vote means getting your name on the list of people who are allowed to vote.

The list is called the electoral register.



You need to do this by Tuesday, 26 November 2019.



You have to register to vote before you can vote in the election.

Who can register to vote



You can register to vote if you are both:

- Aged 16 or over (or 14 or over in Scotland)
- A UK **citizen**



A **citizen** is someone who was born in the UK or has moved here and become a member of the country.



Even if you have registered, you will not be able to vote in a General Election until you are 18.

Are you already registered to vote?



If you voted in the last election and you haven't moved, then you are probably already registered to vote.

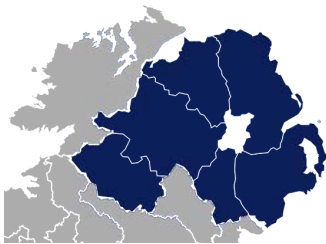
You can check to see if you are already registered to vote by contacting:



- Your local council if you live in England, Scotland or Wales

You can find the name of your local council by going to:

www.gov.uk/find-local-council



- The Electoral Office for Northern Ireland (EONI) if you live in Northern Ireland:

Phone: **028 9044 6680**

Email: **info@eoni.org.uk**

Web: **www.eoni.org.uk/Utility/Contact-Us**



How to register to vote



It's easy to register to vote.



You can register online.



All you have to do is go to:
www.gov.uk/register-to-vote and follow the instructions.



You will be asked for your National Insurance number.



You can get this from a pay slip or from a letter about your benefits.

Updating your information



You need to update your information if you have:

- Moved to a new address



- Changed your name



- Become a citizen of a different country



You need to register again to this by going to:

www.gov.uk/register-to-vote



You will need to put all your information in again.

The electoral register



There are 2 versions of the electoral register:

- The full register
- The open register



The full register

The full register is only used for:

- Elections



- Helping the police if there has been a crime



- Checking your details if you want to borrow money



- Finding people to be on a **jury**



A **jury** is the group of people who decide if someone is guilty or not guilty in court.

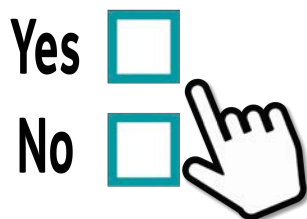


The open register

If you are on the open register, your local council can share your information with other companies and organisations.



This includes your name and address.



When you register, you will be given the option not to be on the open register.

For more information



If you need more information please go to:

www.gov.uk/register-to-vote



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