

# Electoral Register Applications (information provided by local County Council)

## Completing the Electoral Register application:

Specific guidance is given below on answering two key questions:

### Q8. How would you like to receive information about your registration?

*This address can be any correspondence address where mail can be delivered.*

*The elector can choose to collect post from the Electoral Registration Officer (including postal vote packs)*

### Q9. Your address for registration.

*This is the important address and will determine where the elector is registered. It is unlikely to be the Boatmail.co.uk [boatmail.co.uk] office address, as electors have no residential connection to that address.*

*This will be the address where the electors spend most of their time and can be a boat, mooring, marina etc.*

- *if electors have a property in UK but don't live in it, they can use that address*
- *they may use the address of a relative where they may stay during the year.*

The important thing is that there is a connection to the property other than just a mailing address.

## Living on a boat or other movable residence

If you live on a boat, houseboat or similar residence which has a fixed or permanent mooring then you can register at that address.

You can register online at [gov.uk/register-to-vote](https://gov.uk/register-to-vote) [[gov.uk](https://gov.uk)].

If you do not have a permanent mooring, then you can register either at a place where you spend most of your time or have some connection. This could be the place where you were last permanently registered or, for example, a boatyard that you use for maintenance.

You can do this by filling in a form called a '**Declaration of local connection**'. You can download a [Register to vote form \(no fixed address\)](#) from [gov.uk](https://gov.uk) [[gov.uk](https://gov.uk)].

There are two forms - one for people in England and Wales and one for people in Scotland.

Alternatively, you can get the form from your local electoral registration office.

Find the contact details for your local electoral registration office [[yourvotematters.co.uk](https://yourvotematters.co.uk)]."

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## A merchant seaman

If you are not resident in the UK because of your job as a merchant seaman, then you can still register at your usual address where you would otherwise be living when you were not working.

Alternatively, if you normally stay at a hostel or club, which provides accommodation for merchant seamen when you are not at sea, then you can register at that address.

You can register online at [gov.uk/register-to-vote](https://gov.uk/register-to-vote) [\[gov.uk\]](https://gov.uk).

**NB:** For all the above, the local connection asks the following questions:

For those electors living overseas on a permanent basis, the option of registering as an overseas voter applies.

## Part of the travelling community

If you are staying at a site for a reasonable length of time, then you can be considered as living there and can register for that address. You can register online at [gov.uk/register-to-vote](https://gov.uk/register-to-vote) [\[gov.uk\]](https://gov.uk).

If you do not have a settled address where you can be considered to be living, then you can register either at the place where you spend most of your time or at the place where you most have a local connection.

You can do this by filling in a form called a '**Declaration of local connection**'. You can download a [Register to vote form \(no fixed address\)](#) from [gov.uk](https://gov.uk) [\[gov.uk\]](https://gov.uk).

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## Overseas voters?

If you are a UK citizen living abroad, you can apply to be an overseas voter.

You must have been registered to vote in the UK in the last 15 years and be eligible to vote in UK Parliamentary general elections.

If you were too young to register when you left the UK, you can still register as an overseas voter. You can do this if your parent or guardian was registered to vote in the UK, (providing you left the UK no more than 15 years ago).

## How can I register to vote?

You can register to vote online in the same way as all other voters in the United Kingdom. Register online any time at [gov.uk/register-to-vote](https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) [\[gov.uk\]](https://www.gov.uk).

Anyone registering as an overseas elector in Northern Ireland cannot register online. However, you can complete [a paper application form](#) [\[eoni.org.uk\]](https://www.eoni.org.uk) and return it to the Electoral Office for Northern Ireland

NB: British citizens living overseas who have been away from the UK for 15 years or less and were included on a register before they left can register as Overseas Voters. Anyone who has been living outside the UK for more than 15 years is not entitled to be registered.

The electors will be required to register with us and provide an email for correspondence.