

CAN I REGISTER TO VOTE?

In the UK you need to register in order to be able to vote. If you are from the European Union or a Commonwealth country, you may be able to register.

To be able to register, Commonwealth citizens must be resident in the UK and either have leave to enter or remain in the UK or not require such leave. The definition of a 'Commonwealth citizen' includes citizens of British Crown Dependencies and British Overseas Territories. You can find a list of Commonwealth countries on aboutmyvote.co.uk.



WHAT IF I DON'T REGISTER?

You need to be registered in order to vote in elections or referendums in the UK.

If you are new to the UK you may be able to register to vote.

Not only will you not have a say at future elections, but if you don't respond to requests for information from your local council electoral registration staff offices you could be at risk of getting fined £80.



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YOUR VOTE MATTERS

MAKE SURE YOU'RE IN



HOW DO I REGISTER AT MY NEW ADDRESS?

Registering to vote is straightforward.

- 1 Go to www.gov.uk/register-to-vote
- 2 Fill in your name, address, date of birth and a few other details. You'll also need your National Insurance number, which can be found on your National Insurance card, or in official paperwork such as payslips, or letters about benefits or tax credits.
- 3 Look out for a confirmation from your council to say you're registered.



IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS REGISTERING

If you don't have access to the internet or can't use it, your council's electoral registration staff will be able to help you to register.

If you don't have a National Insurance number you should contact your local council electoral staff. You can find their details by entering your postcode at aboutmyvote.co.uk.



WHY SHOULD I REGISTER?

To vote: You need to register in order to be able to vote. If you aren't registered to vote, you won't have the chance to have a say on who represents you.

Some people also register to vote because they want to apply for credit. This is because credit reference agencies use the register to confirm where someone lives when they apply for credit in order to counteract fraud.

