

# 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 or lived in Northern Ireland in the past.

As an overseas elector, you are eligible to vote at elections for the UK 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 **up to three years**. 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. You do not have to give a telephone number or email address but it is helpful in case we need to contact you about your form.

Decide how you want to vote at section 6:

**By proxy.** If you want someone else to vote on your behalf, you must appoint him/her and provide his/her details. Your proxy must be registered and eligible to vote. A proxy can vote for a maximum of 4 people. No more than 2 of these people can be domestic electors. Domestic electors are voters who are neither overseas voters nor service voters.

**In person.** (If you are likely to be in Northern Ireland on the date of an election)

Make sure you complete and sign the declaration at section 7.

**Return the completed form to:**

[overseas@eoni.org.uk](mailto:overseas@eoni.org.uk) (you must scan the completed document to return by email)

Electoral Office for Northern Ireland  
St Anne's House  
15 Church Street  
Belfast BT1 1ER

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:

**Contact number:** (United Kingdom international dialling is 44 followed by area code)

Helpline: 028 9044 6680  
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 the Electoral Office

## 1 About you

Surname

First Name

Middle Name(s)

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

Address

Post Code

Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

National Insurance No.

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

If you don't know your national insurance number please tell us why below (if you are not able to provide these details you may be asked to provide other documentary evidence to support your application to register)

Telephone number (in case of query)

Email address (in case of query)

## 2 Your last Northern Ireland address

Please give the full address where you were last registered to vote in Northern Ireland or if you were not registered then the last address you lived at in Northern Ireland

Address

Post Code

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

Surname

Forename

Reason for change

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I was last registered to vote or lived in Northern Ireland on (MM/YYYY):

- Please tick one statement that applies to you.
- ☐ I was registered as an ordinary (domestic) elector
- ☐ I was registered as an overseas elector
- ☐ I was registered as a service voter or with no fixed address
- ☐ I was of voting age but was not registered to vote
- ☐ I was younger than 18 years old when I left the UK (please complete section 3 below)

## 3 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 ☐ Guardian ☐

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 ☐

I have enclosed a photocopy of my birth certificate ☐

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

Address

Post Code

## 4 Edited Register

☐ Anyone can buy a copy of the edited register, including companies that send junk mail. If you don't want your details to appear on the edited register tick here. (see guidance notes).

## 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

☐

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 I became a British/eligible Irish citizen\*

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

## 6 Chose how you want to vote (tick one option)

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**I wish to vote in person** (only choose this option if you will be in Northern Ireland on the date of the election).

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**I wish 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 vote for a maximum of 4 people. No more than 2 of these people can be domestic electors. Domestic electors are voters who are neither overseas voters nor service voters.

The name and address of my proxy is:

Proxy's full name

Proxy's Date of Birth

Proxys Address

Post code

### Declaration

By signing the declaration below, you confirm that you have asked the person named as my proxy and confirm that he/she is willing and able to be appointed to vote on my behalf.

## 7 Applicant Declaration

I confirm that I am a British citizen or eligible Irish citizen and that I am not living in the UK. To the best of my knowledge, the information in this form is true. I understand that the information I have given will be used on the electoral register. I understand that if I knowingly give false information in this form, I could face an unlimited fine and/or up to six months in prison.

Signature

Date