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Voter registration form for someone with no fixed or permanent address

You can still register to vote if you do not have a fixed address. This could be because:

- you are homeless or have no fixed address
- you are a patient in a mental health hospital
- you are a person who has been remanded in custody, but you have not yet been convicted of an offence.

To register, you need to give an address where you would be living if it were not for your current situation, or an address where you have lived in the past. If you are homeless, you can give details of where you spend a substantial part of your time.

How to register to vote

1 Fill in this voter registration form.

2 Make sure you sign the declaration.

3 Return your completed form to us at the address shown above.

4 Problems with the form? Contact us if you need help understanding or completing this form – or if you need this form in large print or in another format.

Register to vote as soon as possible, or it may be too late to vote in the next election.

Yours faithfully

Electoral Services

Privacy Notice: Electoral Services has produced a privacy notice that tells you what information we collect about you, how we use that information and who we may share it with.
The Privacy Notice can be viewed at **bristol.gov.uk/electionsprivacynotice** or you can request a paper copy by contacting Electoral Services.

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Register to vote

Registering to vote

You can register to vote if you are resident (usually live) in England and aged 16 or over (but you will not be able to vote until you are 18).

You must also be one of the following:

- British citizen
- Irish citizen
- Commonwealth citizen (including Maltese and Cypriot) who has permission to enter or stay in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man, or who does not need permission
- European Union (EU) citizen of Denmark, Luxembourg, Poland, Portugal, or Spain who has permission to enter or stay in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man, or who does not need permission (you can vote in local council and Police and Crime Commissioner elections, and Mayor of London and London Assembly elections only)
- European Union (EU) citizen of any other EU country who on or before 31 December 2020 had permission to enter or stay in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man, or who did not need permission, and this has continued without a break (you can vote in local council and Police and Crime Commissioner elections, and Mayor of London and London Assembly elections only).

Permission to enter or stay in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man (also called Leave to Enter or Remain) refers to a legal immigration status.

1 Your full name

First name(s)

Last name

2 Changed your name?

Please give us your most recent previous name (optional).

Please tell us the date you changed your name (optional). D D M M Y Y Y Y

(more info on page 6)

3 Your date of birth

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If you don't know your date of birth please tick if you are:
under 18 ☐ 18-75 ☐ aged 76 or over ☐
(Don't know your date of birth? Please see section 14).

(more info on page 6)

4 Your National Insurance number

You can find this on your payslip, or on official letters about tax, pensions or benefits.

(Don't know your National Insurance number? Please see section 14).

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5 Contact details

Providing an email address or phone number gives us a quick and easy way to contact you about your application.

Phone number (optional)

Email (optional)

6 Your nationality

If you have more than one nationality, please include them all.

(Don't know your nationality? Please see section 14). (more info on page 6)

If you are a British, Irish, or Commonwealth citizen (including Maltese and Cypriot), skip to section 8.
If you are an EU citizen of Denmark, Luxembourg, Poland, Portugal, or Spain, skip to section 8.
If you are an EU citizen of any other EU country, continue to section 7.

7 Your immigration status

Only complete this section if you are an EU citizen from one of the following countries:

Austria	**Belgium**	**Bulgaria**	**Croatia**
Czech Republic	**Estonia**	**Finland**	**France**
Germany	**Greece**	**Hungary**	**Italy**
Latvia	**Lithuania**	**Netherlands**	**Romania**
Slovakia	**Slovenia**	**Sweden**	

Since 31 December 2020 have you continuously had permission to enter or stay in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man, or not needed permission?

Answer 'Yes' if one or more of the following applied to you on or before 31 December 2020 and has continued without a break:

- settled or pre-settled status under the EU settlement scheme, except if you applied as a joining family member
- indefinite or limited permission to enter or stay in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man
- resident in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man but exempt from immigration controls.

If your answer to the question is 'Yes' and you have been absent from the UK for a period of time that is allowed under the terms of your immigration status, then you should still tick the 'Yes' option.

Please tick. ☐ No ☐ Yes (more info on page 6)

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8 Your address for registration

Please tick ONE statement about your address:

☐ I am homeless or have no fixed address. I am not a patient or detained in a mental health hospital and I have not been remanded in custody – please give us the address or place where you spend a large part of your time in Address 1

☐ I am a patient living in a mental health hospital but I am not detained there and I have not been remanded in custody – please give both of the following:

- the name and address of the hospital in which you are being treated in Address 1
- the address where you would be living if you were not a patient in a mental health hospital or, if you cannot give this address, the last address where you lived before going in to hospital in Address 2.

☐ I have been remanded in custody – please give both of the following:

- the name and address of the place in which you are being detained in Address 1
- the address where you would be living if you had not been remanded in custody or, if you cannot give this address, the last address where you lived before being remanded in custody in Address 2.

Address 1

Postcode

We may need to contact you to ask about how much time you have spent at this address.

Address 2

Postcode

9 Moved house in the last 12 months?

Please tick. ☐ No ☐ Yes If yes, please give any previous address where you have lived during the last year or your application may be delayed.

Postcode

If this address was overseas, were you registered in the UK as an overseas voter?

Please tick. ☐ No ☐ Yes

10 How would you like to receive information about your registration?

Please tick.

☐ I will collect correspondence from my electoral registration office.

☐ Please deliver correspondence to this address.

Postcode

Do you live at another address? Please tick. ☐ No ☐ Yes

If you also live at another address don't give us the address now, but we may ask you for more information later.

11 The open register

The open register is an extract of the electoral register, but it is not used for elections. It can be bought by anyone and used for many purposes including confirming name and address details and direct marketing purposes.

☐ Please tick if you do not want your name and address to be included in the open register.

(more info on page 6)

12 Registering anonymously?

☐ Please tick if you have also submitted an application to register anonymously.

13 Voting by post or proxy?

This section should be left blank if you intend to vote in person at a polling station. To vote by post or proxy, you must complete a separate application. You can apply online or download an application form at **gov.uk/vote-uk-election**. Alternatively, tick how you would like to vote below and we will send you an application form.

☐ By post ☐ By proxy (someone voting on your behalf)

14 Don't know your date of birth, nationality or National Insurance number? Please tell us why

If you can't provide these details we may ask you for other evidence before processing your application.

15 Declaration

I confirm that I am a British or Irish citizen, or an eligible European Union or Commonwealth citizen (see 'Registering to vote' on page 2 for eligibility criteria).

To the best of my knowledge, the information in this form is true.

I understand that the information I have given on this form will be used on the electoral register.

I understand that it is an offence to knowingly give false information in this form, and that I could face an unlimited fine and/or up to six months in prison.

Signature

Today's date

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Voting at the polling station

You will need to show photo ID at your polling station to cast your vote. If you do not have accepted photo ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document, the Voter Authority Certificate.

For more information, visit **gov.uk/how-to-vote/photo-id-youll-need**.

If you need help filling in this form please contact us using the details on page 1.

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Your nationality and immigration status

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We may need additional evidence about your nationality or we may check your nationality or immigration status against government records.

If section 3 'Your immigration status' applies to you, we may check your historical nationality or historical immigration status against government records.

Your date of birth

If you don't know your date of birth please give the date you put on official documents (for example, your passport or driving licence). Your date of birth identifies you, confirms your eligibility to vote and can be used to call you 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 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 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 office. You can find their address on page 1 of this form.

You can find out more information about both registers and how they may be used at **gov.uk/register-to-vote**.

Privacy statement

The Electoral Registration Officer is the Controller. Their lawful basis for collecting the personal information in this application form is that the processing is necessary in order to perform a task in the public interest as set out in the Representation of the People Act 1983 and related legislation.

The Electoral Registration Officer is legally required to process your personal information securely and comply with data protection legislation.

If you opted-out of the open register, your name and address can only be used for electoral purposes (including matching it against other data sources to support the electoral register) and other limited purposes specified in law.

The law allows your information to be used for democratic engagement activities (by political parties, candidates, and agents), crime detection , jury summoning, and credit application identity checks.

If you did not opt-out of the open register your name and address can be bought by anyone and used for lots of purposes, including direct marketing.

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