

# Register of Electors

It's easier online!

The easiest way for you to register to vote or update your details is online.



Register to vote or update details

[www.checktheregister.ie](http://www.checktheregister.ie)

To process your application, we need to gather some personal information about you. We tell you how and why we use your personal information on pages 3 and 4. Please read this information to help you fill out this form.

Please complete this form in BLOCK CAPITALS

## 1 Your details

First name

Surname

Previous name  
(if this applies)

PPSN

Date of birth

Phone number

Email address

Nationality

Previous nationality  
(if this applies)

Address

Eircode

Previous address  
(if this applies)

Eircode

If you were registered before but have since changed your name.

If no PPSN, complete page 2.

You can complete this form from the age of 16 but you must be 18 to vote.

If updating your nationality, please write in your previous nationality and include a photocopy of your new passport (photo page) or a copy of your certificate of naturalisation.

Where you live now.

If you were registered before but have since changed your address.

## 2 Sign here and post to your local authority

I believe that to the best of my knowledge the information I have provided:

- > is truthful, and
- > complete.

I understand that it is a legal offence under electoral law to knowingly give false or misleading information to a local authority.

Signature

Date D | D | M | M | Y | Y | Y | Y

## If you have not provided a PPSN

If you have not provided a PPSN, or if your local authority cannot match your PPSN, take this form and your photographic identification (ID) to your local Garda station or your local authority. Wait to sign this page until you are with a member of the Garda Síochána or a member of the civilian staff of the Garda Síochána or an official of your local authority. They will check your ID document. If satisfied, they will confirm your identity and see you sign this form. They are a witness.

If you are unable to attend your local Garda station or local authority due to illness or disability, you must have your form certified by a registered medical practitioner.

### Witness details

**Note for witness:** You must complete this section where the applicant has not provided a PPSN on page 1 or where PPSN details cannot be confirmed by a local authority. Complete this page to confirm the identity of the applicant. You will need to check their photo ID. If the applicant is unable to go to their local Garda station or local authority due to illness or disability, this form must be certified by a registered medical practitioner, for example a general practitioner (GP).

#### Tick as appropriate

- This form is being witnessed at the applicant's local **Garda station**.
- This form is being witnessed at the applicant's **local authority**.
- The details of this form are being certified by a **registered medical practitioner, for example a GP**.

Full name of witness

Profession of witness

Work address of witness

Eircode

Stamp

If Garda station / local authority

Phone number of witness

Medical Council number (where applicable)

### Witnessing at a Garda station or a local authority

I, , declare that I am satisfied that

is the person making this application and that they have signed this form in my presence.

### Certification by a registered medical practitioner

I, , declare that

is the person making this application and is unable to attend their local Garda station or local authority to have this form witnessed and signed due to illness or disability.

### Signature and dates

Signature of applicant

Date

Signature of witness

Date

# Information and guidance to fill in this form

## How to register to vote or update your details

The easiest way for you to register to vote or to update your details is online at [www.checktheregister.ie](http://www.checktheregister.ie)

You can use [www.checktheregister.ie](http://www.checktheregister.ie) to:

- › check if you are already registered;
- › register to vote;
- › complete your existing record with your details such as PPSN, date of birth and Eircode; or
- › make any changes to your name or address.

You can use this form for any of the above and **you must use it if:**

- › you have not provided your PPSN;
- › you are requested to do so by your local authority; and/or
- › you wish to update your nationality information.

## How your information is used

To vote you must be on the electoral register.

Your local authority needs some personal data (including your name, address, date of birth, PPSN and nationality) to process your application to register to vote or to make changes to an existing record.

This information may be shared with other local authorities where necessary to manage and maintain the electoral register.

To protect the accuracy of the register your identity data can be cross checked with the Department of Social Protection on a limited basis to confirm identity details (name, date of birth, PPSN). While the register is a public document, your PPSN and date of birth will not be published.

This helps to ensure that:

- › only eligible people are registered to vote,
- › the register is kept up to date, and
- › no person is on the register twice or has incorrect details.

The legal basis for this is set out in the Electoral Reform Act 2022.

## Your details and why we ask for them

By law, local authorities may ask for any information they need to make sure the electoral register is accurate and complete.

<b>Previous name</b>	If you were registered before, your previous name will help find and update your record.	<b>Nationality details</b>	Your nationality is needed to confirm which elections you are eligible to vote in:	
<b>Personal Public Service Number (PPSN)</b>	Providing your PPSN will allow a basic check to help confirm your identity details and help to protect the integrity of the register. PPSNs will not appear on the register. If you do not provide a PPSN, you will need to complete page 2 of this form where a witness confirms your identity.		<b>If you are:</b>	<b>You are eligible to vote in:</b>
			An Irish citizen	All elections and referendums
			An EU citizen	European and local elections
			A UK citizen	Dáil and local elections
<b>Date of birth</b>	Your date of birth is needed to confirm you are eligible to vote. You can complete this form to pre-register from the age of 16 but you must be 18 to vote.	All other	Local elections	
<b>Phone number and email address</b>	Providing your phone number and/or email address gives your local authority a quick and easy way to contact you about your information if necessary.	<b>Previous nationality</b>	If you change your nationality, it may affect which electoral events you can vote in. You will need to provide evidence of the change such as a photocopy of your new passport (photo page) or certificate of naturalisation.	
		<b>Address and Eircode</b>	Your address is required as it affects where you will vote. Providing your Eircode helps to accurately identify your address. To vote, you must be living full time at an address in the State.	

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## Getting your form witnessed

You only need to have your form witnessed or certified if you have **not provided** a PPSN or if you are requested to do so by your local authority where they have not been able to confirm your details.

In most cases this means going to your local Garda station or your local authority with your form. Bring photographic identification (ID) with you. This ID could be, for example, your passport or driving licence. You will need to sign the form in the presence of a member of the Garda Síochána or a member of the civilian staff of the Garda Síochána or a member of staff of your local authority.

If you have an illness or disability that prevents you from going to your local Garda station or local authority to have your identity confirmed, you must have your form certified by a registered medical practitioner, for example a general practitioner (GP).

## Before you send your form

### Remember:

- ✓ Sign the form on:
  - page 1; **and**
  - page 2 if you have not provided a PPSN.
- ✓ Get your form witnessed if you have not provided a PPSN.
- ✓ If you are updating details about your nationality, enclose a photocopy of your new passport (photo page) or certificate of naturalisation.

## Where to send your form

Send your form with any other information needed to your local authority. On the envelope, write 'Electoral Register' and the address of your local authority. You may post using a standard stamp.

## Latest date for receipt of applications

You can apply to register or update your details at any time. However, where an election or referendum has been formally called, the latest date for receipt of applications by your local authority is **15 days before that electoral event**. Sundays, public holidays and Good Friday are not counted as days for this purpose.

If your local authority does not get your form on time it can't consider it for that election or referendum.

Different deadlines apply if you wish to apply for a postal vote or to be added to the special voters list. You can find these on the relevant forms or on **[www.checktheregister.ie](http://www.checktheregister.ie)**

## Other forms

There are a number of other forms available if you meet certain specific requirements.

These include:

- a form to register or update your details if you are not resident at any address;
- a form to register anonymously if you are concerned about your safety or the safety of a member of your household;
- if you cannot go to your polling station on voting day, for certain specified reasons (for example, due to illness or your occupation).

Please check **[www.checktheregister.ie](http://www.checktheregister.ie)** for a full list of forms and requirements or contact your local authority.

## More information

Contact your local authority.

You can look up your local authority's address online or ask your local Citizens Information Centre.