

# 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)

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

PPSN

If no PPSN, complete page 2.

Date of birth

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

Phone number

Email address

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

Nationality

Previous nationality  
(if this applies)

Address

  
  
  
  
Eircode 

Where you live now.

Previous address  
(if this applies)

  
  
  
Eircode 

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 to knowingly give false or misleading information to a local authority.

Signature

Date

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## 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 may 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 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

### 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.

This form can be used 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.

## Your information and data protection

You can vote if your name and address are 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.

This helps to ensure that:

- only eligible people are registered to vote;
- the register is kept up to date (for example no person is on the register twice or has incorrect details).

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. While the register is a public document, sensitive information such as your PPSN and date of birth is never published.

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 us find and update your record.  |             |                              |                  |               |               |                              |              |                          |           |                 |
|--|--|-------------|------------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| <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>Date of birth</b>                         | We need your date of birth to confirm you are eligible to vote. You can complete this form from the age of 16 but you must be 18 to vote.  |             |                              |                  |               |               |                              |              |                          |           |                 |
| <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>Nationality details</b>                   | We need your nationality to confirm which elections you are eligible to vote in: <table border="1" data-bbox="1034 1370 1522 1666"> <thead> <tr> <th>If you are:</th> <th>You are eligible to vote in:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>An Irish citizen</td> <td>All elections</td> </tr> <tr> <td>An EU citizen</td> <td>European and local elections</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A UK citizen</td> <td>Dáil and local elections</td> </tr> <tr> <td>All other</td> <td>Local elections</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | If you are: | You are eligible to vote in: | An Irish citizen | All elections | An EU citizen | European and local elections | A UK citizen | Dáil and local elections | All other | Local elections |
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| An Irish citizen                             | All elections  |             |                              |                  |               |               |                              |              |                          |           |                 |
| An EU citizen                                | European and local elections   |             |                              |                  |               |               |                              |              |                          |           |                 |
| A UK citizen                                 | Dáil and local elections   |             |                              |                  |               |               |                              |              |                          |           |                 |
| All other                                    | Local elections  |             |                              |                  |               |               |                              |              |                          |           |                 |
| <b>Previous nationality</b>                  | If you change your nationality, it may affect which elections you can vote in. You will need to provide evidence of the change such as a photocopy of your passport 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.  |             |                              |                  |               |               |                              |              |                          |           |                 |

# Information and guidance to fill in this form

## When you need 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 an Garda Síochána or a member of the civilian staff of the Garda Síochána or a member of your local authority.

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

## Other forms

Other forms are available if you meet certain specific requirements and:

- wish to register anonymously if you are concerned about your safety or the safety of a member of your household;
- have no fixed address;
- cannot go to your polling station on voting day.

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

## Sending your form to your local authority

### Remember to:

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Enclose a photocopy of your passport (on the photo page) or a certificate of naturalisation **if** you are updating details about your nationality.

## Where to send your form

You need to 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. Put a standard stamp on it and post.

## More information

Contact your local authority.

There are 31 local authorities in Ireland. You can look up your local authority online or ask your local Citizens Information Centre.