

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 for people who have no address

www.checktheregister.ie

Use this form if you do not have an address and you want to register to vote or update your information on the electoral register. You will need to provide the address at or close to where you spend a lot of your time and would like to be considered resident. You can also provide an address where you can receive post. You can ask your local authority for help completing the form.

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

PPSN

If no PPSN, you must complete part 3.

Date of birth

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

Phone number

Email address

Nationality

If there is nowhere that you can receive post leave this blank. Your local authority will contact you.

Is there an address where you can receive post?

Eircode

Address where you wish to be considered ordinarily resident

Eircode

This is the address where, or which is closest to where, you spend most of your time.

Reason you are choosing this 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

3 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 (signed and stamped) 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

If you need help filling out this form you can ask your local authority .

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

You can use 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 also use this form to do any of the above. **If you need help with the form you can ask your local authority.**

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, and
- › 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.

Personal Public Service Number (PPSN)	We use your PPSN to perform a check to help confirm your identity details and to protect the integrity of the register. PPSNs will not appear on the register. If you do not provide a PPSN, please complete page 2 of this form where a witness confirms your identity.	Address where you wish to be considered ordinarily resident:	This should be the address at or close to where you spend most of your time. You will be registered to vote at this address and you will need to tell us your reason for using it. This could be for example, it is the place where you go to sleep.										
Date of birth	We need your date of birth to confirm you are eligible to vote. You can return this completed form from the age of 16 but you must be 18 to vote	Nationality details	We need your nationality to confirm which elections you are eligible to vote in:										
Phone number and email address	Your phone number and or email means your local authority can quickly contact you about your information if necessary.		<table><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 and referendums</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 and referendums	An EU citizen	European and local elections	A UK citizen	Dáil and local elections	All other	Local elections
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Address where you can receive post:	The local authority will use this address to send you post about this application. If there is no address where you can receive post you will need to collect it from your local authority. They will contact you using the contact details you provided to arrange this.												

Information and guidance to fill in this form

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 (signed and stamped) 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.

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

Where to send your form

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

More information

Contact your local authority.

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