

## REGISTER OF ELECTORS

### Application for inclusion in the 2019/2020 Supplement to the Register of Electors by electors detained in a prison pursuant to an order of a court

**Please read the notes carefully before completing the form.**

1.	Name: <b>(block letters)</b>						
	[Please include other details such as Snr., Jnr., other name or an initial if there is another person with the same first name and surname registered at the same address.]						
2.	Current Home Address <sup>1</sup> : <b>(block letters)</b>						
	Eircode:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3.	When did you first live at the above address?						
4.	Where did you live immediately prior to your current home address at 2 above? <b>(block letters)</b>						
	Eircode:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
5.	If you lived at any other address(es) since 1 September 2018 (besides the prison and those given at 2 and 4 above), please give details:						
	Eircode:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
6.	Date of Birth:						
7.	Please tick (✓) <b>one box only</b> to indicate whether you are:						
	• a Citizen of Ireland	<input type="checkbox"/>	• a British citizen	<input type="checkbox"/>			
	• a national of another EU Member State (other than UK)	<input type="checkbox"/>	• a national of a non-EU country	<input type="checkbox"/>			

<sup>1</sup> That is, the address where you would be currently living if you were not in prison. You will be able to vote for candidates in the constituency where this address is located.

8.(a)	Please tick (✓) one box as appropriate to indicate whether you were either:						
	formerly registered as an elector	<input type="checkbox"/>					
	never registered as an elector	<input type="checkbox"/>					
8.(b)	If you were registered as an elector, please state address of registration: <b>(block letters)</b>						
	Eircode:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9.	<b>Edited Register:</b> If you wish to be <b>excluded</b> from the edited Register, please tick (✓) the opt out box:	Opt out box <input type="checkbox"/>
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10.	<b>Declaration</b> This section must be signed in the presence of a relevant official <sup>2</sup> of the prison.  I believe the information I have supplied to be true and I apply to be included in the Supplement to the Register of Electors.	
	Signature or Mark of Applicant:	
	Date:	

11.	<b>Certificate of Identity</b> This section must be completed by the relevant official of the prison.  I certify that I have satisfied myself as to the identity of the applicant who has signed or marked section 10 in my presence.	
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Signature of Relevant Official:		Prison Stamp
Name of Relevant Official: <b>(block letters)</b>		
Rank/Title:		
Number of Relevant Official:		
Telephone:		
Date:		

<sup>2</sup> "Relevant official" is the Governor or a person appointed by him or her to carry out registration and voting-related duties.

## NOTES TO FORM RFA 4

### **Application for inclusion in the Supplement to the Register of Electors by electors detained in a prison pursuant to an order of a court**

1. A prisoner whose name is included in the postal voters list is entitled to vote by post at an election or referendum. In order to be included in the postal voters list (or the supplement to the postal voters list), you have to be registered on the current register of electors. **If you are a prisoner and not already on the current register of electors you should complete both this form (RFA 4), and form RFG 1 if you wish to vote by post.**
2. You should complete this form (RFA 4) if you are detained in prison and you are not already registered as a voter and you wish to apply for inclusion in the supplement to the current register of electors. This form provides for certification of your identity by the relevant official of the prison in which you are detained.
3. A person detained in prison is likely to be unable, on polling day at an election or referendum, to go in person to vote at a polling station and is entitled to vote by post if they are included in the postal voters list for the register of electors. To be included in the supplement to the postal voters list such a person should complete the separate Form RFG 1.
4. To be included in the supplement to the register, you:
  - (a) must be 18 years of age or over (see note 5);
  - (b) must not be already registered as an elector;
  - (c) will be deemed to be ordinarily resident at the address at which you would have been residing but for your detention in prison, and entered on the register accordingly.
5. In relation to 4(a) above, a person will be eligible for entry in the supplement to the register on or after the day on which the person reaches eighteen years of age including such day that falls within the period beginning on the last day for the receipt of applications and ending on polling day. It would be of assistance

in considering an application from a person reaching 18 years if the form is accompanied by a copy of a birth certificate or similar document.

6. To avoid delay in processing your application, the form should be fully completed. The form must be handed to the relevant official of the prison who will arrange to have it posted to the registration authority (the City, County or City and County Council) for the relevant area, i.e. the area where your home address is located.

7. **Eircode**

Eircode is the national postcode system for Ireland and comprises a unique 7-digit postcode which has been allocated to every address in Ireland.

8. **Edited Register - Two versions of the Register**

Registration authorities are required to publish two versions of the register - the full register and the edited register. The full register lists everyone who is entitled to vote and can only be used for an electoral or other statutory purpose.

The **edited register** contains the names and addresses of persons whose details can be used for a purpose other than an electoral or other statutory purpose e.g. for direct marketing use by a commercial or other organisation. If you do not want your details to be included on the edited register, you should tick (✓) the **opt out box** at section 9 of the form. If you want your registration details to be included (i.e. available for non-statutory uses), you should leave the opt out box blank.

9. **Declaration/Certificate of Identity**

The declaration at section 10 of the application form must be signed in the presence of the relevant official of the prison. If the relevant official is satisfied as to your identity, he or she will sign, date and stamp section 11 of the form.

10. If you are applying after an election or referendum has been called, please note that the application must reach the City, County or City and County Council

concerned before the fourteenth day (Sundays, public holidays and Good Friday excluded) before polling day in order to be considered for inclusion in the supplement for that election or referendum.

The latest date for receipt of an application by a registration authority for inclusion in the supplement to the postal voters list (Form RFG 1) is two days after the date of dissolution of the Dáil in the case of a general election and two days after the polling day order is made for other elections and referendums, in order to be considered for that election or referendum. If you are not already registered as an elector the registration authority will not be in a position to consider your application for inclusion in the supplement to the postal voters list (Form RFG 1) without prior consideration of your application for inclusion in the supplement to the register of electors (RFA 4).

- 11.** You will be notified by the registration authority of the decision on your application and, if it is refused, you will be given the reason for the refusal. Where your application is refused, you will have the right to appeal against the ruling to the County Registrar.
- 12.** It is an offence to fail to give the registration authority or county registrar any information required for the purpose of their duties or to knowingly give false information.