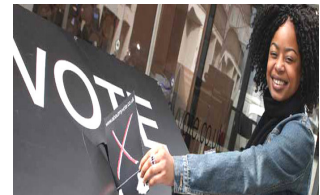




# Registering to vote



You can only vote in elections if your name is on the Register of Electors. We update the register every autumn. We can also add names throughout the year.

## How to change your details

All you have to do is fill in a voter registration form. You have to sign your own form; you cannot get someone else to do it for you.

When you send us your form we will add you to our list of new applications. Any elector can then object to your name being added to the register. If this happens we will write to you.

If your application is not objected to, we will change your details within 3-7 weeks of receiving your form. We will write to tell you when your application is allowed.

We will also tell the electoral registration officer for your old address that you have moved, so that your name can be removed from that register. People who live at two homes (including students) are allowed to register at both. If you do not want to be removed from your other address please explain why on your form.

## How to return this form

**By post** to: the Electoral Registration Officer, Babergh District Council, Corks Lane, Hadleigh, IPSWICH, IP7 6SJ;

**By fax** to: 01473 825742;

**By e-mail** If you have a scanner, you can attach and send a copy to: [electoral@babergh.gov.uk](mailto:electoral@babergh.gov.uk)

**BABERGH ELECTORAL SERVICES  
HELPLINE 01473 825713**

## Moved home? Coming up to 18? Just not on the Register?

If you change addresses let us know straight away and we will transfer your registration to your new home. Also, if you change your name, or become eligible to vote for the first time, let us know and we will make the necessary changes to the register.

There are special rules about adding names to the voters' list during an election period. Because of these, you may not be able to vote in the election at your new address unless your application was made at least 11 working days before polling day and the application is not objected to.

There is no monthly update in October or November during the annual canvass of all households.

## Who can register to vote?

**You must be a citizen of the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland or one of the countries listed in the table on the right.**

If you are not a citizen of one of those countries, you cannot vote, even if you are entitled to live here. Citizens of other European Union countries (except for Irish citizens) can only vote in UK local government elections unless they also fill in form UC1 entitling them to vote in elections to the European Parliament (*except for citizens of Cyprus and Malta, which are also members of the Commonwealth and whose citizens can therefore vote in all UK elections.*).

You can only register for the address where you are living at the time that you make your application.

### If we get your form by:

- Monday, 12 December 2011
- Tuesday, 10 January 2012
- Wednesday, 8 February 2012
- Friday, 9 March 2012
- Thursday, 5 April 2012
- Thursday, 10 May 2012
- Friday, 8 June 2012
- Tuesday, 10 July 2012
- Friday, 10 August 2012

### Your details will be changed on...

- Tuesday, 3 January 2012
- Wednesday, 1 February 2012
- Thursday, 1 March 2012
- Monday, 2 April 2012
- Tuesday, 1 May 2012
- Friday, 1 June 2012
- Monday, 2 July 2012
- Wednesday, 1 August 2012
- Monday, 3 September 2012

Antigua & Barbuda	Ghana	Namibia	Singapore
Australia	Grenada	Nauru	Solomon Is.
The Bahamas	Guyana	New Zealand	South Africa
Bangladesh	India	Nigeria	Sri Lanka
Barbados	Jamaica	Pakistan	Swaziland
Belize	Kenya	Papua New Guinea	Tanzania
Botswana	Kiribati	Rwanda	Tonga
Brunei Darussalam	Lesotho	St Kitts & Nevis	Trinidad
Cameroon	Malawi	St Lucia	& Tobago
Canada	Malaysia	St Vincent & The	Tuvalu
Cyprus	Maldives	Grenadines	Uganda
Dominica	Malta	Samoa	Vanuatu
Fiji Islands	Mauritius	Seychelles	Zambia
The Gambia	Mozambique	Sierra Leone	Zimbabwe

**British Overseas Territories:** Anguilla, Bermuda, British Antarctic Territory, British Indian Ocean Territory, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Montserrat, Pitcairn Island, St. Helena and Dependencies, South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands

**British Nationals (Overseas):** Former residents of Hong Kong who applied for and obtained British Nationals (Overseas) citizenship are entitled to register. Only those former residents of Hong Kong with a British Dependent Territories, British Nationals (Overseas) or British Overseas passport may register to vote.

### Other European Union Countries:

Austria	Denmark	Greece	Luxembourg	Romania
Belgium	Estonia	Hungary	Malta	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Finland	Italy	Netherlands	Slovenia
Cyprus	France	Latvia	Poland	Spain
Czech Republic	Germany	Lithuania	Portugal	Sweden

## The two versions of the electoral register

The Electoral Registration Officer makes and keeps two versions of the electoral register - the full register and the edited register. **Please say in your application if you wish your name and address to be excluded from the edited register.** **The full register** lists everyone who is entitled to vote and includes their address. You can check it by calling at the Council offices. Only certain people and organisations can have copies of the full register and they can only use it for specified purposes. The main use of the full register is for elections and referendums, but it can also be used for other purposes such as the prevention and detection of crime and checking your identity when you apply for credit. Details of others who can have copies of the full register and what they can use it for are given in the Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2002. It is a criminal offence either to pass the full register on to anyone or to use it for any purpose except as allowed by the regulations. **The edited register** leaves out the names and addresses of people who have asked for them to be excluded from that version of the register. The edited register can be bought by anyone who asks for a copy and they may use it for any purpose.

# VOTER REGISTRATION FORM



Only **one** person per form please. If you need more forms you can photocopy this one or you can get further copies from the Electoral Registration office at the address given on the notes about this form.

**READ THE NOTES ACCOMPANYING THIS FORM CAREFULLY. PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS**

## About you

Mr.  Mrs.  Miss  Ms  (please tick one box)

### Surname

### First names (in full)

**If you are applying to change your registration because you have changed your name, write your previous name here**

**Your age** - If you are not yet 18, please give your date of birth

  
(Day/Month/Year)

If you are 70 years old or if you will be 70 within the next year, please give date of birth

  
(Day/Month/Year)

**Your nationality** – To qualify you must be a British, Commonwealth or European Union citizen. Please write which country:

## Your current address

I apply to be registered at the following address at which I am now living

  
Postcode

## Your old address

I was registered at the following address. I no longer live there

  
Postcode

**If you know the name of your previous Council area, write it here**

(We will tell your previous Electoral Registration Officer that you have moved so that your name can be removed from that Register. If you do not want your name taken off at your old address, please say why):

## Edited register

Tick the box if you want your name to be excluded from the edited register.

## Voting by post

Any elector can choose to vote by post, instead of in person at a polling station. Please tick the box if you would like more information and an application form.

## Your signature

The fine for giving false information is up to £1,000. Each person has to fill in and sign their own form. The form will be returned if it is not signed.

**As far as I know, the details on this form are true and accurate. I am a British, qualifying Commonwealth, Irish or other European Union citizen(s).**

Signed:

Date:

In case we have a query about your application, please give a daytime telephone number or e-mail address. You do not have to give these but it helps avoid delay if we do have a question about your form.

Telephone no.

E-mail address:

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