

Voter Registration Form

Don't lose your right to vote X

To The Occupier

If the details printed in part 1 below are correct, you can confirm this with us in under 60 seconds by either internet, freephone or text message.

- By internet: Visit www.registerbyinternet.com/Richmondshire
- By freephone: Call **0800 197 8628 (24 hours)**
- By text (SMS): Text to **80212**

(Texts are charged at your provider's standard rate. An acknowledgement message will be sent to your handset if your SMS registration is successful)

Two part security code for freephone or internet registration

Part One: Part Two:

You are required by law to give the information asked for in this form.

You are entitled to register to vote if you are a **British, Irish, European or qualifying Commonwealth citizen (see over the page for more details)**. Please complete this form and return it to us as soon as possible.

Part 1 – Details of people who are living at this address

- List everyone who lives here who is 18 or older
- Amend any mistakes
- Cross out anyone who does not live here
- Please write clearly in BLOCK capitals.

Surname	First Name (and Middle Initials)	Nationality	Mark an X if over 70	Opt out. Mark an X if you do NOT wish to appear on the edited register	Existing postal or proxy voter (or tick for a form)

Part 2 – Any 16 or 17 year olds to add? They can vote from their 18th birthday.

Surname	First Name (and Middle Initials)	Nationality	Date of Birth	Opt Out	Postal or Proxy

Part 3 – No one eligible to register at this address? All names above should be crossed out.

- Property is empty now All residents are foreign nationals (State nationality)
- Other reasons (explain why no one is registered)

Stop! Could you confirm your details using the internet, freephone or text service?

Part 4 – Sign here

I declare that as far as I know, the details on this form are true and accurate.

Signature

Print Name Date

Daytime tel number/Email Address*

*you do not have to give these but it helps us to contact you if there is something unclear on your form.

Just moved in? Write your old address	Moving out soon? Write your new address
Postcode: <input type="text"/>	Date you will move <input type="text"/> Postcode: <input type="text"/>

Please do not return this form if you used telephone, internet or text registration

Who has to register to vote?

Nationality/citizenship

Only British, Commonwealth, Irish and European Union citizens are allowed to vote. If you are a citizen of one of these countries, you have to register.

Age

You must be 18 or older to vote. You can register to vote when you are 16.

Residence

People can register only for the address where they are resident. If you change your address you can now re-register as soon as you move.

You should include:

- People who are temporarily away – for example, away working, on holiday, in student accommodation or in hospital.
- Any other residents, lodgers or guests (but not short stay visitors) at your address.

Nationality

People who are entitled to register to vote:

- British citizens.
- Citizens of the Irish Republic.
- Citizens of other European Union countries.

EU citizens will be registered as local government electors only (except citizens of Cyprus, Malta or the Irish Republic, who can vote in all elections).

- Qualifying Commonwealth citizens. This means Commonwealth citizens who:
 - have leave to enter or remain in the UK; or
 - do not require such leave

Details of people at this address

For each person, you need to include:

- **Name:** Surname, first name and middle initials.
- **Nationality:** This will usually be as shown on the person's passport.
- Whether the person will be 70 or over on **15.10.09**. If so, they will be exempt from jury service.
- Whether the person wants a postal vote application form. You do not need to mark this box if the person is already a postal voter.
- Whether the person wants to opt out of the edited register.

Jury Service

People over 70 are not called for jury service. People who cannot serve for other reasons can say so if they get a jury summons.

Second Home

People who live at two homes are allowed to register at both, but can only vote once at the same election. For more advice ring the helpline.

Anonymous Registration

If your personal safety would be at risk from your name appearing in the Voters List, you may be able to register anonymously. The rules are very strict. For more advice ring the helpline.

Special rules for certain electors

There are special rules to make registration and voting easier for:

- People living or working overseas
- Remand prisoners
- Homeless people
- Mental health patients in care

They must NOT be included on your form. Please ring the helpline for more details.

Members of HM forces can now register on this form, if they live at your address.

Registering by phone in other languages

To register by phone in another language, please use ☎ **freephone 0800 107 8628** and when prompted, press (1) for French (2) Polish, (3) Slovak.

The two versions of the voters list – “opt out” explained

The full register lists the name and address of everyone who is registered to vote. The Council holds a copy. Anyone can look at it, but it is a criminal offence to supply or use copies for purposes other than those set down in law. More information is available at www.aboutmyvote.co.uk.

The main use of the full register is to show who can vote in elections and referendums. Credit reference agencies can use it, but only to check your name and address if you are applying for credit and for other purposes specified in law. It can also be used for law enforcement.

The edited register is available for general sale and can be used for any purpose. The edited register can be bought by any person, company or organisation and can be used for commercial activities such as marketing.

If you want to opt-out of having your details appear on the edited register, please mark an “X” in the ‘Edited register’ box. You must also ask each person named on the form if they want to opt out of the edited register. If you have already ‘opted out’, this is shown over the page. You can change this, if you wish.

We will publish the revised register on **01.12.09**. It will be available at the address given below. If for some reason you have been missed off the register, or your details have changed since **15.10.09** (for example, because you have moved), you should contact us immediately.

How to Get in Touch with us

Our address is: Electoral Team
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If you find it difficult to read this form we can send you a large print version. Please ring the helpline.