A step-by-step easy read guide to registering to vote for people with a learning disability.



This guide will help you to register to vote using the Government's website by clicking the link below.

https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote



Registering to vote will let you have your say in local elections, General Elections and referendums.

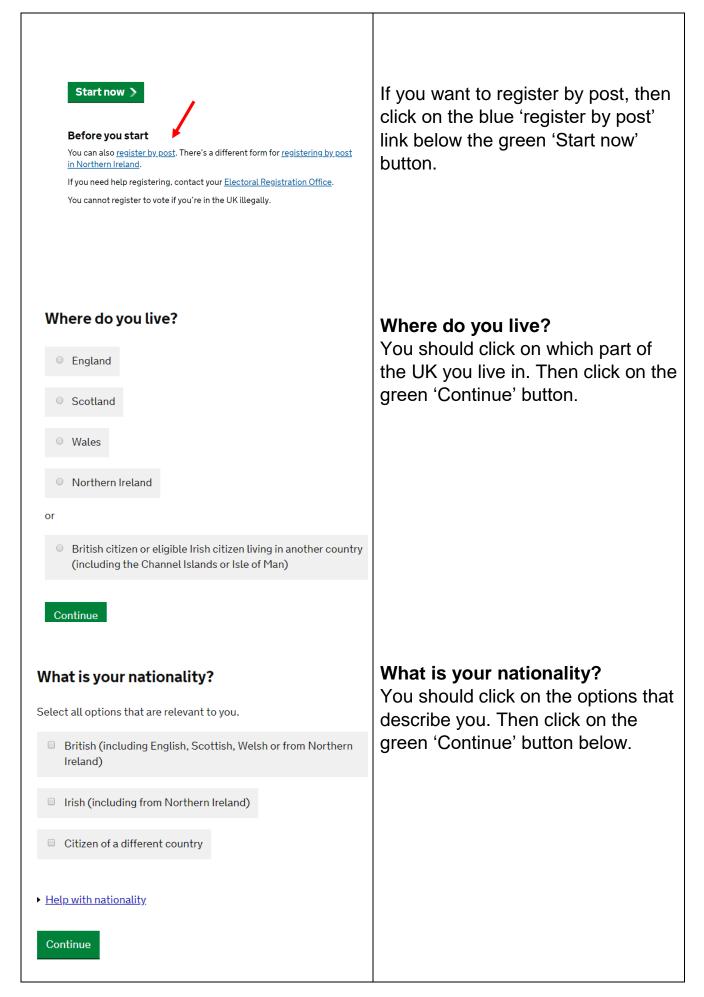
People with a learning disability have the same right to vote as everyone else.



You only need to register once but if you move home you will need to register again using your new address.



If you want to apply online to register to vote, you need to click the green 'Start now' button.



What is your date of birth? What is your date of birth? You should enter your date of Day Month Year birth here. Then click on the green 'Continue' button. For example: 31 3 1970 ▶ Help with date of birth Continue What is your full name? What is your full name? You should type your first name in Enter all your names in full - don't use initials the 'First name' box. If you have a First name middle name, type this in the 'Middle names' box. Then write Middle names your last name in the 'Last name' box. Last name Have you ever changed your name? For example: marriage, deed poll If you have changed your name No, I haven't changed my name (like when you get married) you should choose the 'Yes, I changed Yes, I changed my name my name' box and fill in your previous name in the boxes below. Prefer not to say You can also choose the 'Prefer not to say' box but the Government Continue might ask you to show ID to prove your name. After this click on the green 'Continue' button.

What is your National Insurance number?

Example: QQ 12 34 56 C

▶ I don't know my National Insurance number

Continue

What is your address?

Enter the postcode where you live and where you would like to register to vote.

Postcode



Find address

Idon't know what postcode to use

Do you also live at a second address?

O No

Yes, I spend time living at two homes

Yes, I'm a student with home and term-time addresses

Continue



What is your National Insurance number?

You should enter your National Insurance number in the box. You can find your National Insurance number on your payslip or on letters from the Government about benefits, tax or pensions.

What is your address?

Type your postcode in the box and click 'Find Address'. Then click on the box and choose your address from the list. Then click on 'Continue'.

Do you also live at a second address?

If you live in one place, click 'No'. Then click the 'Continue' button.

If you live at two places you should click on 'Yes, I spend time living at two homes'. Then click the 'Continue' button.

If you live at two addresses, you can register to vote at both addresses by completing the form again after you finish this form.

Have you permanently moved out of another address in the last 12 months?

We'll remove your details from the register at your previous address. So only give an address if you've moved out permanently.



Yes, from a UK address

Yes, from abroad

Continue

Do you want to include your name and address on the open register?

The open register is an extract of the electoral register, but is not used for elections. It can be bought by any person, company or organisation. For example, it is used by businesses and charities to confirm name and address details.

Your decision won't affect your right to vote.

No, I don't want my name and address on the open register

▶ Why are there two registers?

Continue

Have you permanently moved out of another address in the last 12 months?

If you have moved into a new home within the last year you will need to provide your old address. Click on 'Yes, from a UK address' and then click on 'Continue'.

You will then have to enter your postcode and click 'Find address' and then click on the box to find your old house number.

If you have not moved into a new home in the last year then click 'No'. Then click on the 'Continue' button.

Do you want to include your name and address on the open register?

The open register lets organisations and businesses buy lists that have names and addresses on them.

If you don't want to be on these lists then click the 'No, I don't want my name and address on the open register'.

If you do want to be on the open register, then <u>only</u> click 'Continue'.

Do you want to apply for a postal vote? Most people vote in person at a polling station. But if you prefer to vote by post, we can send you an application form. No, I prefer to vote in person No, I already have a postal vote Yes, send me a postal vote application form What is a postal vote? Continue Is there anyone else aged 16 or over living at this address? Yes O No Not sure

Prefer not to say

Continue

Why are you asking this question?

Do you want to apply for a postal vote?

If you want to vote by post then click 'Yes, send me a postal vote application form'. You will then have to choose if you want a form emailed to you or sent in the post.

If you already have a postal vote then click 'No, I already have a postal vote'.

If you want to vote at a Polling Station then click 'No, I prefer to vote in person'. Remember you can change your mind and vote by post when you want to.

After you have chosen how you want to vote click 'Continue'.

Is there anyone else aged 16 or over, (14 or over in Scotland), living at this address?

If there are other people over 16 years old, (over 14 in Scotland), living in your home, you should click 'Yes'.

If you live alone or the people you live with are under 16 years old, (under 14 in Scotland), you should click 'No'.

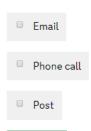
If you don't know then click 'Not sure'.

If you don't want to say you can click 'Prefer not to say'.

Then click on the green 'Continue'.

If we have questions about your application, how should we contact you?

Enter an email address if you want an email confirmation of your registration.



Continue

Check your answers before sending your application

Send your application

By sending your application you confirm that the information you have provided is true.

Your information may be shared with other government departments to check your identity and that you're entitled to register to vote.

You can also find out more about how we handle your data.



If you knowingly give false information in your application, you could go to prison for up to 6 months, or be fined.

I accept – send my application





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If we have questions about your application, how should we contact you?

You have to choose at least one option on this page.

Choose which ways you want to be contacted and then enter your email or phone number if you choose these. Then click 'Continue'.

Check your answers before sending your application

Scroll down the page and make sure all your answers are correct. If there is a mistake click on the 'Change' box next to the answer you want to change. This will take you to a new page where you can make the change.

If your answers are correct then click 'I accept – send my application'. Once you have clicked this button you have finished your application.

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