

Register of Electors

Application for Postal Vote for members of the Defence forces

It's easier online!

The easiest way
for you to register
to vote or update
your details is online.



www.checktheregister.ie

Members of the Defence Forces may only vote by post and must apply for a postal vote to do so. If you are resident in military premises, you can choose to be registered at these premises or at your home address.

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 2.
Please read this information to help you fill out this form.

Please complete this form in **BLOCK CAPITALS**

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Your details

First name

Surname

PPSN

Date of birth

Phone number

Email address

Nationality

Address

Eircode

Where you live now
(where you are required
to live at a military
barrack/premises, insert
that address).

Service Number

Rank

Unit

Home Address
(if this applies)

Eircode

If the address where you
usually live is a military
premises, and you wish to
be registered to vote at
your home address, insert
your home address here.

2

Sign here

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

Information and guidance to fill in this form

This form and when you should use it

In order to vote you must be on the electoral register. You can check if you are registered at www.checktheregister.ie.

You can also use www.checktheregister.ie to:

- 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.

If you are a member of the Defence Forces you can only vote by post.

As a member of the Defence Forces you can choose whether you are registered to vote at your military residence or at your home address.

To be registered at your home address, you will need to provide both your military residence address and your home address on this form.

How your information is used

In order 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.

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.

Latest date for receipt of Application

While you can send this form to your local authority at any time, **if an election or referendum has been formally called**, the form must be received by the local authority no later than:

Electoral Event	Latest date for receipt of application by your local authority
Dáil election	Two days after the date of dissolution of the Dáil
Dáil bye-election	Two days after the polling day order is made in the case of a Dáil bye-election
Presidential, European or local election or a referendum	At least 22 days before polling day (not including Sundays, Good Friday or Public Holidays)

If your local authority does not get your form on time it can't consider it for that election or referendum.

Where to send your form

Send your form to your local authority.

More information

Contact your local authority.

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