

Are you registered to vote?



Why have I received this form?

Each year, we are required to send you a form to check that the details we hold on the Electoral Register are still correct for your address.

- please check the form enclosed to make sure that everyone in your household is registered to vote, including any 16 or 17 year olds
- make any changes if needed

If all the details on the form are correct – do I still need to respond?

- you are required by law to tell us who is eligible to register to vote at your property so we can update our records to create an accurate electoral register which we will publish on the 1 December 2026.
- please use automated services (you will need to use the two security codes shown to access your property details).

What do I do if I need to make changes to the form?

Please let us know - it's quick and easy:

- **use the online link on the form to make changes, you will need to use the two security codes shown to access your address**
- if you do not have access to the internet, you can also make changes by contacting us by telephone or email (details on the form) or complete the form and return it to us.

If name(s) have been added (including 16/17 year olds) – the new people must now register on the following website:

www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

- it only takes a couple of minutes to register
- you will need your National Insurance Number
- if you are unable to register online, please contact us we will send you a Registration Form

Am I eligible to register?

Your name should be included on this form:

- if you are British, Irish, a European Union or a Commonwealth citizen who has leave to remain in the UK or does not require leave to remain in the UK
- if you are aged 16 and over (however you will not be able to vote until you are 18)

I recently moved into this address and the form still has the previous occupier's details on it?

You can remove the old occupiers and add your details:

- **use the online link on the form to make changes (you will need to use the security codes at the bottom of the form to do this)**
- if you do not have access to the internet you can also make changes by contacting us by telephone or email (details on the form)
- registering to pay Council Tax does not automatically register anyone to vote

To **add** the details of the new occupiers – go to: **www.gov.uk/register-to-vote**

Your credit rating could be affected.

Your credit rating could be affected if your name is not shown on the Register of Electors. This means you may have problems applying for a:

- loan or mortgage
- bank or building society account
- mobile phone or store finance agreement
- vehicle finance

How can I vote by post

Before you can apply to vote by post you must be registered to vote. If you are not registered to vote by post you can apply at any time online at www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote. If you do not have internet access, you can request an application form by calling 0345 140 0845.

The next scheduled elections in Sefton are on Thursday 6 May 2027. We would urge you to apply as soon as possible, rather than waiting until the application deadline for the election (20 April 2027). Early applications will allow us to get your postal vote packs out to you as soon as possible before an election.

Your postal vote(s) will be posted to you around 8 working days before the date of an election. The ballot papers will arrive in an envelope like this (follow the instructions and return the completed pack in the envelope provided by 10pm on election day).

Voting in Polling Stations

- If you choose to vote in your local polling station, you must now produce photographic ID before you can be issued with a ballot paper.
- for more information, please visit <https://www.sefton.gov.uk/voterid>



Votes at 16

The UK Government has confirmed its intention to extend voting rights to 16- and 17-year-olds. 16 and 17-year-olds across the UK are to be given the right to vote in all elections. This means the electoral registration age is also being lowered to 14, so that 16-year-olds can vote even if an election happens on their birthday.

Votes at 16 will be implemented in time for the next UK general election, which must be held by August 2029. This may also apply to local elections in May 2028.

For more information, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/representation-of-the-people-bill-policy-summaries/votes-at-16>