



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

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 the day of the poll 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.*)

If we get your form by:	Your details will be changed on...
Thursday, 11 December 2008	Friday, 2 January 2009
Friday, 9 January 2009	Monday, 2 February 2009
Friday, 6 February 2009	Monday, 2 March 2009
Tuesday, 10 March 2009	Wednesday, 1 April 2009
Tuesday, 7 April 2009	Friday, 1 May 2009
Friday, 8 May 2009	Monday, 1 June 2009
Tuesday, 9 June 2009	Wednesday, 1 July 2009
Friday, 10 July 2009	Monday, 3 August 2009
Monday, 10 August 2009	Tuesday, 1 September 2009

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

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

Other European Union Countries:

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

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

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 referenda, 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, Commonwealth, Irish or other European Union citizen

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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