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Who can vote



Almost everyone who lives in Wales can vote in the Senedd election.



The next Senedd election is on 7 May 2026.

To vote you must:



- Be registered to vote.



- Be 16 years or older.



- Live in Wales.



- Not be banned from voting by law. For example, because you are in prison, or because you are under 16 years old.



You must register to vote by **12am midnight on 20 April 2026.**



You can register to vote here: [gov.uk/register-to-vote](https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)

Registering to vote

To register, you must be:



- A British citizen.



- An Irish citizen.



- A citizen from a European Union country.



- Someone who can enter or stay in the UK.



You must register by **12am midnight 20 April 2026.**



You only need to register to vote once.



You do not need to register every time there is an election.



You need to register again if your details change. For example, because you change your name or address.

How to register



You can register online or by post. www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

You need to give:



- Your full name.



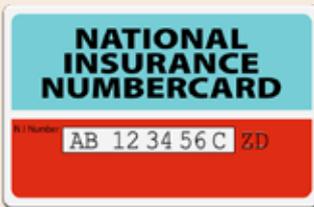
- Date of birth.



- Address.



- Nationality – for example, British, Welsh.



- Your National Insurance number. If you do not have 1, you can still register.



You can register to vote from the age of 14. But you must be 16 to vote.

People in the armed forces



People in the Army, Navy or Air Force can register as a **service voter**.



If you are in the armed forces you need to fill in a voter registration form: [gov.uk/register-to-vote-armed-forces](https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote-armed-forces)

You need to choose if you want:



- A postal vote: [vote.wales/voting-information/how-to-vote-by-post](https://www.vote.wales/voting-information/how-to-vote-by-post)



- A proxy vote: [vote.wales/voting-information/how-to-vote-by-proxy](https://www.vote.wales/voting-information/how-to-vote-by-proxy)



A proxy vote means choosing someone you trust to vote for you at a polling station. Find out more here: [How to proxy vote](#)

People who do not have a fixed address



You can vote if you do not have a fixed address.



A fixed address means your permanent home address.



You can:

- Give the address you would be living in if your situation was different. For example, if you have just split up with your partner and have moved out.
- Give an address you used to live at.
- Give the address of where you spend most of your time.



You need to fill out this form: assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/67f9e9af694d57c6b1cf8cb7/ITR-N-W_NoFixed.pdf



Give this form to your local council.

Students



If you are a student with 2 addresses, you can register to vote at both addresses.



But you can still only vote once.

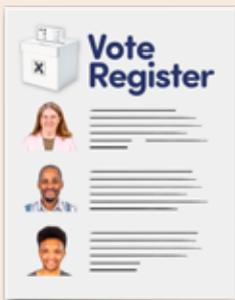


It is a crime to vote more than once.

Register as an anonymous voter



If it is not safe for you to be on the **electoral register**, you can register as an anonymous voter.



The **electoral register** is a list of all registered voters. It has your name and address on it.



If you register as an anonymous voter, your name and address will **not** appear on the electoral register.



You will need to explain why it is not safe for you to be on the electoral register.



You will need to give proof from a court or official person. Find out more here: [gov.uk/government/publications/register-to-vote-anonymously](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/register-to-vote-anonymously)



If you register as an anonymous voter, you will not be sent any forms or information to your address.



Your council will contact you.



You can only register as an anonymous voter for 1 year.



You will need to apply again for future elections.



[Click here to register as anonymous voter.](#)

Voting if you have moved out of Wales



If you do not live in Wales, you cannot vote in Senedd or council elections.



You can still vote in UK Parliament elections.



If you live abroad, you will need to [register as an overseas voter](#).