

Register of Electors

Application for name to be added to the special voters list

It's easier online!

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



www.checktheregister.ie

If you live in a nursing home, hospital, or similar institution, and due to illness or disability you cannot go to your polling station to vote, you may apply to be added to the special voters list. This means that you will be able to vote at your hospital or nursing home on polling day.

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 page 3. Please read this information to help you fill out this form.

Please complete this form in **BLOCK CAPITALS**

1 Your details

First name

Surname

PPSN

Date of birth

D | D | M | M | Y | Y | Y | Y

Phone number

Email address

Nationality

Address

This is the name of the nursing home or hospital where you are currently living.

Eircode

Previous address (if this applies)

If you are already on the register at a different address, add it here.

Eircode

2 Sign and go to page 2 to have your form certified

I confirm that I cannot attend my designated polling station in person on polling day because of illness or disability and that I am living at the above address.

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 D | D | M | M | Y | Y | Y | Y

Certification by registered medical practitioner

This section must be completed by a registered medical practitioner

Note for registered medical practitioner

People who are resident in nursing homes, hospitals or similar institutions and cannot go to their polling station to vote due to illness or disability may apply to have their name added to the special voters list.

To do this, they need a registered medical practitioner (such as a GP) to certify their application.

If you are certifying their application, you need to:

- › be registered with the Medical Council,
- › confirm that due to illness or disability, the applicant is unable to go to vote at their polling station, and
- › indicate the likely duration of illness or disability from the date of certification.

Details of registered medical practitioner

Name

Practice address

Eircode

Phone number

Email address

Medical Council no.

I, , certify that ,

(the applicant) is living in the nursing home, hospital or similar institution stated above and they are unable to go to vote at their polling station due to illness or disability.

This illness or disability is likely to last for a duration of (enter duration or likely duration).

Signature of registered medical practitioner

Date

Information and guidance to fill in this form

This form and when you should use it

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 resident in a nursing home, hospital or similar institution and unable to go to your local polling station due to illness or disability you can use this form to apply to be added to the special voters list.

If your name is added to the list, you will be able to vote where you live. For example if you live at the nursing home, you can vote there on polling day.

Getting your form certified

To complete your application, you will need to have your form certified by a registered medical practitioner, for example a general practitioner (GP). The registered medical practitioner is required to confirm that:

- › due to your illness or disability you are unable to attend your polling station to vote on polling day; and
- › the likely duration of your illness or disability.

The duration of your access to a special voting arrangement will be as certified by the medical practitioner on page 2 of this form. From time to time your local authority may contact you to confirm this information.

Your medical practitioner should not disclose details of your illness or disability 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,
- › 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

You can send this form to your local authority at any time. **Where 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. On the envelope, write 'Electoral Register' and the address of your local authority. You may post using a standard stamp

More information

Contact your local authority.

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