

# Register of Electors

It's easier online!

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



[www.checktheregister.ie](http://www.checktheregister.ie)

## Application for Postal Vote for members of the Garda Síochána

The purpose of this form is to facilitate members of the Garda Síochána who are already on the register of electors to apply for entry to the postal voters list. Members of the Garda Síochána may choose to use this form to apply for a postal vote.

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 2. 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

Phone number

Email address

Nationality

Address

  
  
  

Eircode

Garda rank  
and number

### 2 Sign here and return to your local authority

I confirm that I am a member of the Garda Síochána and wish to be registered as a postal voter.

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](http://www.checktheregister.ie).

You can also use [www.checktheregister.ie](http://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 Garda Síochána you may choose to vote in person, or by post, for example if you are on duty away from home on polling day. If you are on the Postal voter list, you cannot vote in person at your polling station on polling day.

## 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,
- 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)

Forms received late cannot be considered and will have no effect 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.

If you need to look up your local authority's address, you can get it online or ask your local Citizens Information Centre.