To vote you must be on the electoral register. The electoral register is a public document and by law is published and made available for public inspection. This is an important part of the transparency of our democratic process.

If the publication of your name and address would be prejudicial (harmful) to your personal safety or to that of a member of your household, you can apply to be an anonymous elector.

If you are recorded as an “anonymous elector” your name and address will not be available for inspection. You will be included by a reference instead. You will vote by post and not attend your polling station on polling day.

Your details will still be available to local authority staff managing the register and to the returning officer staff to organise your ballot.

You can apply to be an anonymous elector in the following situations:

- The publication of your name and address would be prejudicial (harmful) to your personal safety
- The publication of your name and address would be prejudicial (harmful) to the personal safety of a member of your household.

You will need to provide supporting information for the reason you are applying. This can be:

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<th>A declaration by a qualified person</th>
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<td>A copy of a safety order, barring order, interim barring order, emergency barring order or a protection order issued under the Domestic Violence Act 2018;</td>
<td>Or</td>
<td>You may have the declaration on page 4 signed by:</td>
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<td>A copy of a restraining order under the Non- Fatal Offences against the Persons Act 1997; or</td>
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<td>› a member of the Garda Siochána (who must at superintendent grade or above);</td>
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<td>A harassment order granted under the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017.</td>
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If you are sending an order you will need to ensure that the only person identifiable on the order is you or the member of your household affected by the order. You should ensure the details of other parties cannot be seen.

If you are not the person named in the court order you need to provide some evidence that you live at the same address as the named person such as a bill in your name at the same address.

To apply, please fill out this form.
Use this form to apply to be an anonymous elector. Your name and address will not be available for public inspection as they will not appear on the electoral register. You will be included by a reference instead and you will vote by post. Please note: Local authority franchise (electoral registration) staff and the local returning officer staff who manage postal votes will have access to your information for processing purposes.

To process your application we need to gather some personal information about you. We tell you what information and why we need it in the guidance notes. Please read this information to help you fill out the form. You will also need to provide some supporting documentation.

Please complete this form in BLOCK CAPITALS

1 Your details

First name
Surname
PPSN
Date of birth
Phone number
Email address
Nationality
Address

2 Reason for application

State briefly the reason for your application

Please choose one:

- My application is accompanied by supporting documentation
- My application is accompanied by a declaration.
Tick as appropriate

- This declaration is being made by a member of the Garda Siochána (superintendent grade or above).
- This declaration is being made by a registered medical practitioner.

Full name

Profession/grade

Work address

Eircode

Phone number

Medical Council number (If medical practitioner)

Witness declaration and signature

I, , declare that in my opinion, the safety of the applicant or a member of their household would be at risk, if the publication or the making available for inspection of the name and address of the applicant was contained on the electoral register.
How your information is used

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 to register to vote or to make changes to an existing record.

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.

In the case of anonymous electors no identifying details, including their name and address will 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.

Sending this form to your local authority

Remember:

› To include evidence to support your application (copy of the relevant court document or declaration). Where you are providing documentation to support your application, for example a court order, you must ensure that details of any third party are not visible on the order- you can redact such details;
› Provide evidence that you are a member of the same household as the person at risk (where this applies);
› Sign and date the form.

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:

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<td>At least 22 days before polling day (not including Sundays, Good Friday or Public Holidays)</td>
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Forms received late cannot be considered and will have no effect for that election or referendum.

Where do I send the completed form?

Send your form with any other information needed to your local authority. On the envelope, write 'Confidential Electoral Register' and the address of your local authority. You may put a standard stamp on it and post.

More information

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