

Who can register?

You can register to vote if you reside in Medway, are 17 or over and are a British, Irish, E.U. or Commonwealth citizen.

- Residence:** You must reside at the address when you apply to register, you cannot register before moving to an address. If you mainly live abroad please contact the helpline.
- Age:** Only those of age 18 or over can vote but 17 year olds should also be registered; 16 year olds born on or before 30 November 1991 can also register.
- Nationality:** Nationality is regarded as passport/s held (or the right to hold a passport) **not** indefinite leave to remain.

How soon will my name be added?

Names cannot be added to the register immediately. The law specifies when the register can be updated as outlined below:

If we receive your form by:	Your details will be added 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

Autumn Canvass

After 10 August 2009 names of electors can only be added to the Register by residents filling in the household registration form that is delivered to all properties during August or September. All names will then be added onto the revised Register published 1 December 2009.

What is the edited register?

The Electoral Registration Officer makes and keeps two versions of the Register:

- Full register:** The full register lists the name and address of everyone who is registered to vote. The council holds a copy. Anyone can look at it, but copies can only be supplied for certain purposes. The main use of the full register is to show who can vote in elections and referendums. Credit reference agencies can use it, but only to check your name and address if you are applying for credit. It can also be used for law enforcement.
- Edited register:** The edited register is available for general sale and can be used for any purpose. The edited register can be bought by any person, company or organisation and can be used for commercial activities such as marketing. If you do not want your details to appear on the edited register, please tick the 'Edited register' box in section 4 of the form.

You cannot vote if your name is not on the Register.

This form may be photocopied. If you need extra copies or you have any further queries please contact Electoral Services.

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