



## **Notes & Helpful Information**

### **Registering to Vote**

You can only vote in elections if your name is on the register of electors.

#### **Moved Home?**

#### **Coming up to 18?**

#### **Just not on the register?**

All you have to do is fill in a voter registration form. **You have to sign your own form**; someone else cannot do it for you.

When you send us your form we will add your name to our list of new applicants. Any elector can then object to your name being added to the register. If this happens we will write to you.

If your application is valid and not objected to, we will change your details within 2 to 6 weeks of receiving your form.

#### **The two versions of the register**

The electoral registration officer makes and keeps two versions of the electoral register - the full register and the edited register.

**Please indicate on your application if you wish your name to be excluded from the edited register which is available for general sale**

#### **The full register**

The full register lists everyone who is entitled to vote. You can check it by calling at the electoral registration office, council offices, or at local libraries. Only certain people and organisations can have copies of the full register, and they can only use it for specified purposes. These include electoral purposes, the prevention and detection of crime and checking your identity when you have applied for credit. The law says who can have a copy of the full register and what they can use it for. The full list of such persons and purposes is given in the Representation of the People (Scotland)(Amendment) Regulations 2002. It is a criminal offence for them to pass it on to anyone else or to use it for any other purpose.

#### **The edited register**

The edited register leaves out the names and addresses of people who have asked for their names to be excluded from that version of the register. The edited register can be bought by anyone who asks for a copy and they may use it for any purpose.

#### **Notifying the previous Electoral Registration Officer**

We will tell the Electoral Registration Officer for your former address that you have moved, so that your name can be removed from that register. If you do not want your name to be removed from your other address please explain why on this form

There are special rules about names being added to the voters' list during an election period. Because of these you may not be able to vote at that election if you are added during this time. If you would like more information please contact your local Electoral Registration Officer.

#### **Postal or Proxy voting**

Most people vote at elections by going to a polling station. However it is possible instead to cast an 'absent' vote, that is, the voter does not have to be physically present at a polling station to vote. There are two ways of doing this, by post or by appointing someone else (a proxy) to vote on your behalf.

#### **PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:**

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