

ELECTORAL REGISTER

The Electoral (Full) Register: The sale and supply of the Full Register is severely restricted. It can only be used for Elections, the Detection of Crime and Credit Referencing.

The Open (Edited) Register: this register can be purchased by anyone and it can be used for any purpose, including marketing and 'junk mail' etc. If you do not want your details included in the edited register then you can 'opt out' by marking the appropriate 'box' on the registration form.

ADDING YOUR NAME TO THE REGISTER

You can add your name to the register at any time during the year. If you find that your name is not included, or you have recently changed address, you can complete a 'registration' form to have your name added to the register; you can do this online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or you can request a paper form by contacting a member of the Electoral Services Team on 0300 303 8588.

The Full Register gets republished annually on 1 December. Additional updates are published on a monthly basis.

All British citizens, other Commonwealth citizens, citizens of the Irish Republic and citizens of other Member states of the European Union are eligible for inclusion. You must be 18 years of age now or reach the age of 18 years before 30 November of that year.

Once you have completed your registration your name will be added to the register, in accordance with the statutory timetable, within three to six weeks. You will receive written confirmation when your name has been included.

ADDING YOUR NAME DURING AN ELECTION PERIOD

There are special rules about names being added to the register during an election period. Because of this you may not be able to vote at a particular election if your name has not been included before the statutory 'deadline'. The statutory 'deadline' is 11 days before polling days not including weekends or bank holidays.

For further information or assistance please contact a member of the Electoral Services Team on: elections@mendip.gov.uk or 0300 303 8588.