

ELECTORS AND ELECTIONS

Ordinary Electors

These are the majority. They must be 18 years and over and British or Commonwealth Citizens. Their names have to be included on the Electoral Register. They are able to vote in all types of elections.

Young Voters - "Attainers"

These are young people who will be 18 years old sometime during the currency of the register (i.e from 1 December to 30 November). Their dates of birth are indicated before their names in the register. They cannot vote in elections held before they are 18.

Overseas Electors

These are British citizens living abroad, who have registered as overseas electors and who have been living outside of the UK for no more than 15 years. Their names always appear at the end of the register for their particular polling district under the heading "Other Electors". Their names are preceded by the letter "F" and they may only vote in Parliamentary and European Parliamentary elections.

European Union Citizens

They must be nationals of one of the EU Countries other than British or Irish. Their names are preceded by the letter "G" and they may only vote in local government elections.

Before a Parliamentary Elections the Team will send them a second Form 'UC1'. If they complete and return this form (to confirm they no longer vote in their home country) the "G" is changed to a "K" and they are then entitled to vote at both local and European Parliamentary elections.

Peers of the Realm

Members of the House of Lords may not vote at Parliamentary elections. Their names are preceded by the letter "L".

European Peers

European peers may only vote at European Parliamentary Elections. Their names are preceded by the letter "E".

Service Voters

The names of service voters can be included on the registration form in the usual way, or they may complete a Service Declaration. They register at the address where they would be living if they were not away in the Army, Navy or RAF. Most of them vote by post or by proxy because they are usually away on polling day. The spouse of a service person can register in the usual way as an ordinary voter or they may register as a service voter (Service Declaration) if they so wish.

Postal Voting

If a person is unable or does not want to attend their required polling station, they are able to vote by post. An application form needs to be submitted to the Electoral Services Team. A form can be downloaded from the Electoral Commission website ([link](#)).

Proxy Voting

A person on the electoral register is able to appoint another person who is on the register to vote on their behalf. This person does not have to be related to them. This latter person is the "proxy". A form can be downloaded from the Electoral Commission website ([link](#)).

For further information or to obtain required forms please contact the Electoral Service Team on 0300 303 8588 or elections@mendip.gov.uk