

1. What is a Register of Electors?

A Register of Electors, produced annually, is a schedule of persons entitled to vote in Elections and Referenda. Registration Authorities (City and County Councils) are required by law to prepare a Register of Electors.

A **Draft Register** is published on 1st November each year and is made available for checking at Post Offices, Public Libraries, Garda Stations, and Local Authority offices. It is advisable to check the draft Register to make sure that you are correctly registered.

The **Final Register** is published on 1st February and comes into force on 15th February. It is in force for the following 12 months.

It is an offence to fail to give the registration authority or county registrar any information required for the purposes of their duties or to give false information.

2. How can I make an Application for Registration?

Application forms for entry of names in Register of Electors are available at Post Offices, Public Libraries, Garda Stations, and Local Authority offices. The principal conditions for registration are :-

Age : A person must be 18 years of age on the day the Register comes into force (15th February). Every resident **aged 18** and upwards is entitled to be on the Register.

Single Residential Registration : You may be registered for one address only. If you have more than one address (e.g. you are living away from home to attend college or in connection with employment) you should notify the registration authority which address you wish to be registered for. The authority where you register will determine your polling location.

Citizenship : While every resident is entitled to be registered, the registration authority needs to know a person's citizenship because this determines the elections a person may vote at. The right to vote is as follows :

- ⇒ Irish Citizens may vote at every election and referendum;
- ⇒ British citizens may vote at Dail, European and Local Elections;
- ⇒ Other EU citizens may vote at European and Local Elections;
- ⇒ Non-EU citizens may vote at Local Elections only.

3. What if I am omitted from the Final Register?

If you find that you are omitted from the Register, you can apply to be included in a **supplement** to the Register by completing the green form (RFA2) which is available at previously mentioned locations. Persons in the supplement are entitled to vote at elections/referenda held during the life of the register.

4. What if I change my address?

If your name is on the Register of Electors and you move residence from one constituency to another, or within a constituency (different local electoral area) you can apply for entry to the Supplement at your new address by completing the pink form (RFA3). This authorises the Registration Authority to delete your name from the Register of Electors for the area in which you are registered.

5. Can I apply for a Postal Vote?

If you are living at home and have a **physical illness or physical disability** which prevents you from going to a polling station to vote you should request application form PV1 available from your Local Authority.

If your **work circumstances** are such as to make it likely that you will be unable to go to a polling station to vote you should request application form PV2 available from your Local Authority.

If you are a student attending an **educational course of study** at an education institution in the State on a **full-time basis** and are **living away from your address of registration** and you are likely to be unable to attend your designated polling station to vote you should request application form PV2 available from your Local Authority.

6. Can I apply for Special Voting?

If you are living in a [hospital](#) or [nursing home](#) and have a physical illness or physical disability which prevents you from going to a polling station to vote, you may apply for inclusion in the Special Voters List by requesting an application form (SV1)

The latest date by which applications must be received by Cork City Council in order to be included in either the postal voters list or the special voters list for the City of Cork electoral area is 25th November. A new application must be made for each year.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS :

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City Hall,
Cork.**

**Tel : 021 - 4924107
021 - 4924108, 021 4924109**

**Department of the Environment & Local Government,
Custom House,
Dublin 1.**

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