

10 things you need to know... ...about registering as an overseas voter

1. UK nationals who have been registered to vote in the UK within the last 15 years can register as an overseas elector, to be able to vote in UK Parliamentary General Elections, UK-wide referendums, and European Parliamentary elections.

UK citizens living overseas should register to vote by 16 May 2016

2. To participate in the EU Referendum taking place on 23 June 2016, UK citizens living overseas will have to register to vote in good time.

3. UK citizens living overseas should apply to register to vote by **16 May 2016**, and once registered must apply to vote by post or proxy in order to be able to vote from outside the UK.

4. You can apply to register to vote in five minutes at gov.uk/register-to-vote.

5. You will need to know your National Insurance number and date of birth, and have your passport to hand if you have one. If you don't have a National Insurance number you can still register, but you may have to supply more information to show who you are.

6. If you can't or don't want to [register online](#), you can still [download and post back paper forms](#). But remember to return your completed form as far in advance of the deadline as possible.

7. You have to sign an annual declaration once you are registered, to renew your registration every year. So if you were registered to vote for the 2015 General Election you will have to renew your registration with your local Electoral Registration Officer in the UK or register again.

8. You can choose how you wish to vote. You can vote by post, by proxy (voting by appointing someone you trust to vote on your behalf), or even in person at your polling station. Go to aboutmyvote.co.uk.

9. The Electoral Commission, British embassies, consulates, and expat community hubs are working together to encourage voter registration among British nationals living overseas. Take five minutes to visit gov.uk/register-to-vote and let others know too.

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Lots of UK citizens overseas might not know they are still eligible to vote. Pass the message on that your vote matters! [#yourvotematters](#) [#UKexpat](#) [#passthemessageon](#)