Electoral Register

This fact sheet can be made available in other languages or formats on request by contacting 0161 222 6644. For further information please see our detailed fact sheet – Information for all.

Why should I register?

If your name is not on the electoral register, you will not be allowed to vote if a local or general election or a referendum is held.

Who can register?

You can register if you are a British, Commonwealth or Irish citizen, or if you are from a member state of the European Union.

But EU citizens cannot vote in UK parliamentary elections.
You should register if you will be 18 years or over at the time the next register is out. The registers are published on 1st December every year.

The homeless, remand prisoners and mental health patients can register by contacting the Elections Office. The contact details are near the end of this fact sheet.

How is the register compiled?

A canvass of every residential property takes place between August and November each year. When you receive your form you should make sure your name and those of every other eligible person is entered onto it.

Can I check my name is on the register?

You can check your details by calling at the following locations throughout the Borough, where you can look at the register on computer.

- Central Library
- Crompton Library
- Broadway Library
- Royton Library
- Chadderton Library
- Fitton Hill Library
- Limeside Library
- Failsworth Library
- Lees Library
Contact Oldham at the One Stop Shop, Civic Centre.

Or you can call in to the Elections Office where you can see the register on computer or in paper form with a member of staff.

**What if my name is not on the register?**

You should ask for a registration form from the Elections Office and complete the form as soon as possible or you can download a form from our Internet site at [www.oldham.gov.uk](http://www.oldham.gov.uk). The address you should return it to is printed on the form.

**What happens if I move house?**

If you move house you will need to fill in a Voter Registration Form and return it to the address on the form. Each person in a household must complete a form; your name will then be on the register within about 6 weeks.

**How do I register as a service voter?**

If you are a member of HM Armed Forces you can register to vote for all elections. You can either include your details on the annual canvass form delivered in autumn to your Oldham address, or you can fill in a separate application form for service voters. This form is available from the Elections Office.

**How can I register as an overseas voter?**

If you have been registered as an elector in the UK during the last 15 years you can register even if you live abroad. You must fill in a special form from the Elections Office. Overseas electors cannot vote in local government elections.
It is very important for us to work in partnership with you and other customers.

We will listen carefully to your views and what you have to say. We also work closely with other organisations; we believe this is the best way to provide services to you.

Contact Details

Write to:

Elections Office
Room 222, Civic Centre
West Street
Oldham
OL1 1UL

Phone: 0161 911 4712 or 4718

Email: election@oldham.gov.uk

Opening hours: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

For more information about the electoral register visit http://aboutmyvote.co.uk/
We value your comments and suggestions

We want to provide good quality services for people in Oldham and as we are a public service, you have a say in everything we do.

We want you to be happy with our services, but to make sure we do this we need to know what you think.

- What do we do best?
- What could we do better? Do you have any ideas or suggestions?
- Only by listening to you can we give you the service you deserve.

If you wish to make a comment about our services you can:

Email: customer.feedback@oldham.gov.uk

Phone: 0161 911 4191

Write to:

Complaints Officer
Chief Executives Department
PO Box 160
Civic Centre
Oldham, OL1 1UG