



Representation of the People Act 1983

1983 CHAPTER 2

PART I

PARLIAMENTARY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE AND ITS EXERCISE

[^{F1} Entitlement to registration]

[^{F2}7B Notional residence: declarations of local connection. E+W+N.I.]

- (1) A declaration under this section (“a declaration of local connection”)—
 - (a) may be made only by a person to whom this section applies, but
 - (b) may be made by such a person despite the fact that by reason of his age he is not entitled to vote.
- (2) This section applies to any person who on the date when he makes such a declaration is—
 - (a) a person to whom section 7 above applies and who would not be entitled to be registered by virtue of residence at any place other than the mental hospital (within the meaning of that section) at which he is a patient, or
 - (b) a person to whom section 7A applies and who would not be entitled to be registered by virtue of residence at any place other than the place at which he is detained as mentioned in subsection (1) of that section, or
 - (c) a person who does not fall within paragraph (a) or (b) above (and is not otherwise in legal custody) and who is not, for the purposes of section 4 above, resident at any address in the United Kingdom (a “homeless person”).

[In relation to the registration of local government electors in Wales, this section also ^{F3}(2A) applies to a person who, on the date on which the person makes a declaration under subsection (1)—

- ^{F4}(a)
- (b) does not fall within any of the paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (2), and
- (c) meets any of the requirements specified in subsection (2B).

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[^{F5}(2B) The requirements are that the person—

- (a) is under 18 years of age and is, or has been, a child who is looked after by a local authority, or
- (b) is being kept in secure accommodation.]

^{F6}(2C)

(2D) In subsection (2B)—

- (a) the reference to a child who is looked after by a local authority has the same meaning as in the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 (anaw 1) (see section 74);
- (b) “secure accommodation” means accommodation [^{F7}in the United Kingdom provided for the purpose of lawfully restricting the liberty of persons under the age of 18, other than a penal institution within the meaning given in section 3(2)(b)]].

(3) A declaration of local connection shall state—

- (a) the name of the declarant and either—
 - (i) an address to which correspondence for him from either the registration officer concerned or the returning officer can be delivered, or
 - (ii) that he is willing to collect such correspondence periodically from the registration officer’s office;
- (b) the date of the declaration;
- (c) that on the date of the declaration the declarant falls into one of the categories of persons to whom this section applies, specifying—
 - (i) the category in question, and
 - (ii) (in the case of a person falling within subsection (2)(a) or (b) above) the name and address of the mental hospital at which he is a patient or (as the case may be) of the place at which he is detained;
- (d) the required address (as defined by subsection (4) below);
- (e) that on the date of the declaration the declarant is a Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of the Republic of [^{F8}Ireland or—
 - (i) if the declaration is made for the purposes only of the registration of local government electors in England, a qualifying EU citizen or an EU citizen with retained rights, or
 - (ii) if the declaration is made for the purposes only of the registration of local government electors in Wales, a relevant citizen of the Union or a qualifying foreign citizen;]
- (f) whether the declarant has on the date of the declaration attained the age of 18 years, and, if he has not, the date of his birth.

(4) For the purposes of this section “the required address” is—

- (a) in the case of a person falling within subsection (2)(a) or (b) above—
 - (i) the address in the United Kingdom where he would be residing if he were not such a patient, or detained, as mentioned in that provision, or
 - (ii) if he cannot give such an address, an address in the United Kingdom at which he has resided;

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(b) in the case of a homeless person, the address of, or which is nearest to, a place in the United Kingdom where he commonly spends a substantial part of his time (whether during the day or at night);

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F⁹(c) in the case of a person falling within subsection (2A), any of the following—
(i) an address in Wales at which the person has previously been resident, or
(ii) an address used by a council of a county or county borough in Wales in which the person has previously been resident.]

F¹⁰(5)

(6) Where a declaration of local connection made by a homeless person is delivered to the registration officer concerned during the period—

- (a) beginning with the date when a vacancy occurs—
- (i) in the seat for the parliamentary constituency within which the required address falls, or
- (ii) in the seat for any Scottish Parliament constituency or National Assembly for Wales constituency within which it falls, and
- (b) ending on the final nomination day (within the meaning of section 13B below) for the parliamentary by-election, or (as the case may be) the election under section 9 of the ^{M1}Scotland Act 1998 or [F¹¹section 10 of the Government of Wales Act 2006], held in respect of that vacancy,

the declaration must state that, during the period of three months ending on the date of the declaration, the declarant has commonly been spending a substantial part of his time (whether during the day or at night) at, or near, the required address.

(7) No declaration of local connection shall be specially made by a person for the purposes of local government elections, and any such declaration made for the purposes of parliamentary elections shall have effect also for the purposes of local government elections; but—

- (a) a declaration of local connection may be made for the purposes only of local government elections by a person who is as a peer subject to a legal incapacity to vote at parliamentary elections or [F¹²—
- (i) in relation to local government elections in England, by a qualifying EU citizen or an EU citizen with retained rights, or
- (ii) in relation to local government elections in Wales, by a relevant citizen of the Union; and]
- (b) where so made, shall be marked to show that it is available for local government elections only, but shall in all other respects be the same as other declarations of local connection.

[
F¹³(7A) Despite anything in subsection (7), in relation to Wales, a relevant declaration made by a person has effect only for the person's registration as a local government elector.

(7B) In subsection (7A) a “relevant declaration” means—

- (a) a declaration of local connection made by virtue of subsection (2A);
- (b) a declaration of local connection made by a qualifying foreign citizen;
- (c) any other declaration of local connection made by a person who, on the date on which the declaration is made, is—
- (i) under the age of 17, and
- (ii) not entitled to be registered in the register of parliamentary electors.

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- (7C) A relevant declaration referred to in subsection (7A) must be marked to show that it is available only for the purposes of registration as a local government elector, but otherwise is to be the same as other declarations of local connection.]
- (8) If a person—
- (a) makes a declaration of local connection stating more than one address under subsection (3)(d) above, or
 - (b) makes more than one declaration of local connection bearing the same date and stating different addresses under that provision,
- the declaration or declarations shall be void.
- (9) A declaration of local connection may be cancelled at any time by the declarant.
- (10) A declaration of local connection shall be of no effect unless it is received by the registration officer concerned within the period of three months beginning with the date of the declaration.]

Extent Information

- E1** This version of this provision extends to England and Wales and Northern Ireland only; a separate version has been created for Scotland only

Textual Amendments

- F2** Ss. 7B, 7C inserted (29.1.2001 for certain purposes and 16.2.2001 otherwise) by 2000 c. 2, s. 6; S.I. 2001/116, art. 2(1)(2) (with art. 2(4))
- F3** S. 7B(2A)-(2D) inserted (E.W.) (1.6.2020) by Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 (anaw 1), ss. 19(2), 42(3)(a)
- F4** S. 7B(2A)(a) omitted (21.1.2021) by virtue of Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (asc 1), s. 175(1)(k), Sch. 2 para. 2(2)(a)
- F5** S. 7B(2B) substituted (21.1.2021) by Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (asc 1), s. 175(1)(k), Sch. 2 para. 2(2)(b)
- F6** S. 7B(2C) omitted (21.1.2021) by virtue of Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (asc 1), s. 175(1)(k), Sch. 2 para. 2(2)(c)
- F7** Words in s. 7B(2D) substituted (21.1.2021) by Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (asc 1), s. 175(1)(k), Sch. 2 para. 2(2)(d)
- F8** Words in s. 7B(3)(e) substituted (E.W.N.I.) (7.5.2024) by Elections Act 2022 (c. 37), s. 67(4)(b), Sch. 8 para. 1(3)(a); S.I. 2023/1145, reg. 5(b) (with Sch. para. 1(3))
- F9** S. 7B(4)(c) inserted (E.W.) (1.6.2020) by Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 (anaw 1), ss. 19(4), 42(3)(a)
- F10** S. 7B(5) repealed (1.10.2014) by Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 (c. 13), ss. 14(1)(a)(ii), 28; S.I. 2014/2613, art. 2(2)(a)
- F11** Words in s. 7B(6)(b) substituted (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.) by The Government of Wales Act 2006 (Consequential Modifications and Transitional Provisions) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/1388), arts. 1, 3, Sch. 1 para. 17
- F12** Words in s. 7B(7)(a) substituted (E.W.N.I.) (7.5.2024) by Elections Act 2022 (c. 37), s. 67(4)(b), Sch. 8 para. 1(3)(b); S.I. 2023/1145, reg. 5(b) (with Sch. para. 1(3))
- F13** S. 7B(7A)-(7C) inserted (E.W.) (1.6.2020) by Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 (anaw 1), ss. 19(5), 42(3)(a)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C10** S. 7B applied (with modifications) (9.4.2001) by S.I. 2001/1184, reg. 9, Sch. Pt. I (as substituted (17.3.2009) by S.I. 2009/726, regs. 1(1), 2(3)(4), Sch.)

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- C11** Ss. 7-7C extended (N.I.) (with modifications) by Elected Authorities (Northern Ireland) Act 1989 (c. 3 SIF 42), ss. 2, 13(6), Sch. 1 Pt. I (as amended (16.2.2001) by 2000 c. 2, s. 8, Sch. 3 paras. 3(4), 4(2); S.I. 2001/116, art. 2(1) (with art. 2(3)-(5)))
- C12** S. 7B extended (2.8.2019) by The Representation of the People Act 1983 Remedial (Scotland) Order 2019 (S.S.I. 2019/261), arts. 1, 6(2) (with art. 6(4))
- C13** S. 7B modified (7.5.2024) by 1989 c. 3, Sch. 1 Pt. 2 para. 7A (as substituted by Elections Act 2022 (c. 37), s. 67(1), Sch. 8 para. 9(5)(b); S.I. 2023/1145, reg. 5(b) (with Sch. para. 1(3)))

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- M1** 1998 c. 46.

[^{F14}7B Notional residence: declarations of local connection. **S**

- (1) A declaration under this section (“a declaration of local connection”)—
- (a) may be made only by a person to whom this section applies, but
 - (b) may be made by such a person despite the fact that by reason of his age he is not entitled to vote.
- (2) This section applies to any person who on the date when he makes such a declaration is—
- (a) a person to whom section 7 above applies and who would not be entitled to be registered by virtue of residence at any place other than the mental hospital (within the meaning of that section) at which he is a patient, or
 - (b) a person to whom section 7A applies and who would not be entitled to be registered by virtue of residence at any place other than the place at which he is detained as mentioned in subsection (1) of that section, or
 - (c) a person who does not fall within paragraph (a) or (b) above (and is not otherwise in legal custody) and who is not, for the purposes of section 4 above, resident at any address in the United Kingdom (a “homeless person”).

[In relation to the registration of local government electors in Scotland, this section ^{F15}(2A) also applies to a person who, on the date on which the person makes a declaration under subsection (1)—

- (a) is under the age of 16,
- (b) does not fall within any of paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (2), and
- (c) meets either of the requirements specified in subsection (2B).

(2B) The requirements are that—

- (a) the person is, or has been, a child looked after by a local authority, or
- (b) the person is being kept in secure accommodation.

(2C) For the purposes of subsection (2B)—

- (a) the reference to a child looked after by a local authority is to be construed in accordance with section 17(6) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 (duty of local authorities in relation to looked after children), and
- (b) “secure accommodation” means accommodation provided, for the purpose of restricting the liberty of children, in an establishment in Scotland (whether managed by a local authority, a voluntary organisation or any other person) that—

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- (i) provides residential accommodation for children for the purposes of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011, the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 or the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, and
- (ii) is approved in accordance with regulations made under section 78(2) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (regulations in relation to care services).]

[In relation to the registration of local government electors in Scotland, this section^{F16}(2D) also applies to a person who, on the date on which the person makes a declaration under subsection (1)—

- (a) is a convicted person to whom section 3(1A) applies, and
- (b) would not be entitled to be registered by virtue of residence at any place other than the penal institution in which the convicted person is detained.]

(3) A declaration of local connection shall state—

- (a) the name of the declarant and either—
 - (i) an address to which correspondence for him from either the registration officer concerned or the returning officer can be delivered, or
 - (ii) that he is willing to collect such correspondence periodically from the registration officer's office;
- (b) the date of the declaration;
- (c) that on the date of the declaration the declarant falls into one of the categories of persons to whom this section applies, specifying—
 - (i) the category in question, and
 - (ii) (in the case of a person falling within subsection (2)(a) or (b) above) the name and address of the mental hospital at which he is a patient or (as the case may be) of the place at which he is detained;
- (d) the required address (as defined by subsection (4) below);
- (e) that on the date of the declaration the declarant is a Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of the Republic of Ireland or (if the declaration is made for the purposes only of local government elections [^{F17}other than in Scotland]) a relevant citizen of the Union [^{F18}or (if the declaration is made for the purposes only of the registration of local government electors in Scotland) a qualifying foreign national];
- (f) whether the declarant has on the date of the declaration attained the age of 18 years, and, if he has not, the date of his birth.

(4) For the purposes of this section “the required address” is—

- (a) in the case of a person falling within subsection (2)(a) or (b) above—
 - (i) the address in the United Kingdom where he would be residing if he were not such a patient, or detained, as mentioned in that provision, or
 - (ii) if he cannot give such an address, an address in the United Kingdom at which he has resided;
- (b) in the case of a homeless person, the address of, or which is nearest to, a place in the United Kingdom where he commonly spends a substantial part of his time (whether during the day or at night);

[in the case of a person falling within subsection (2A), any address in Scotland^{F19}(c) at which the person has previously been resident.]

[in the case of a convicted person falling within subsection (2D)—

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- ^{F20}(d)
- (i) the address in Scotland where the convicted person would be residing but for the person's detention,
 - (ii) if the convicted person cannot give an address under sub-paragraph (i), the address in Scotland at which the person was resident immediately before the person's detention (but not the address of a penal institution) or, if the person was homeless at that time, the address of, or which is nearest to, a place in Scotland where the person commonly spent a substantial part of the person's time (whether during the day or at night), or
 - (iii) if the convicted person cannot give an address under sub-paragraph (i) or (ii) (or can only give an address at which the person would be prevented from residing because of an order of any court), the address of the penal institution at which the convicted person is detained unless the person has a home outwith Scotland or would otherwise not be resident in Scotland but for the person's detention.]

^{F21}(5)

- (6) Where a declaration of local connection made by a homeless person is delivered to the registration officer concerned during the period—
- (a) beginning with the date when a vacancy occurs—
 - (i) in the seat for the parliamentary constituency within which the required address falls, or
 - (ii) in the seat for any Scottish Parliament constituency or National Assembly for Wales constituency within which it falls, and
 - (b) ending on the final nomination day (within the meaning of section 13B below) for the parliamentary by-election, or (as the case may be) the election under section 9 of the ^{M2}Scotland Act 1998 or [^{F22}section 10 of the Government of Wales Act 2006], held in respect of that vacancy,

the declaration must state that, during the period of three months ending on the date of the declaration, the declarant has commonly been spending a substantial part of his time (whether during the day or at night) at, or near, the required address.

- (7) No declaration of local connection shall be specially made by a person for the purposes of local government elections, and any such declaration made for the purposes of parliamentary elections shall have effect also for the purposes of local government elections; but—
- (a) a declaration of local connection may be made for the purposes only of local government elections by a person who is as a peer subject to a legal incapacity to vote at parliamentary elections or by a relevant citizen of the Union; and
 - (b) where so made, shall be marked to show that it is available for local government elections only, but shall in all other respects be the same as other declarations of local connection.

[Despite anything in subsection (7), in relation to Scotland, a relevant declaration made ^{F23}(7A) by a person has effect only for the purposes of the person's registration as a local government elector.

(7B) In subsection (7A), “relevant declaration” means—

- (a) a declaration of local connection made by virtue of subsection (2A),

[a declaration of local connection made by virtue of subsection (2D),]

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- [a declaration of local connection made by a qualifying foreign national,]
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- (b) any other declaration of local connection made by a person who, on the date on which the declaration is made, is—
- (i) under the age of 17, and
 - (ii) not entitled to be registered in the register of parliamentary electors.
- (7C) A relevant declaration referred to in subsection (7A) must be marked to show that it is available only for the purposes of registration as a local government elector, but otherwise is to be the same as other declarations of local connection.]
- (8) If a person—
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- F15** S. 7B(2A)-(2C) inserted (S.) (25.7.2015) by Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Act 2015 (asp 7), ss. 8(2), 21
- F16** S. 7B(2D) inserted (S.) (2.4.2020) by Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Act 2020 (asp 6), s. 8(2)(a)
- F17** Words in s. 7B(3)(e) inserted (S.) (3.8.2020) by Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Act 2020 (asp 6), ss. 1(4)(a)(i), 12(2); S.S.I. 2020/162, reg. 2
- F18** Words in s. 7B(3)(e) inserted (S.) (3.8.2020) by Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Act 2020 (asp 6), ss. 1(4)(a)(ii), 12(2); S.S.I. 2020/162, reg. 2
- F19** S. 7B(4)(c) inserted (S.) (25.7.2015) by Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Act 2015 (asp 7), ss. 8(3), 21
- F20** S. 7B(4)(d) inserted (S.) (2.4.2020) by Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Act 2020 (asp 6), s. 8(2)(b)
- F21** S. 7B(5) repealed (1.10.2014) by Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 (c. 13), ss. 14(1)(a)(ii), 28; S.I. 2014/2613, art. 2(2)(a)
- F22** Words in s. 7B(6)(b) substituted (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.) by The Government of Wales Act 2006 (Consequential Modifications and Transitional Provisions) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/1388), arts. 1, 3, Sch. 1 para. 17
- F23** S. 7B(7A)-(7C) inserted (S.) (25.7.2015) by Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Act 2015 (asp 7), ss. 8(4), 21
- F24** S. 7B(7B)(aa) inserted (S.) (2.4.2020) by Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Act 2020 (asp 6), s. 8(2)(c)

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F25 S. 7B(7B)(ab) inserted (S.) (3.8.2020) by [Scottish Elections \(Franchise and Representation\) Act 2020](#) (asp 6), **ss. 1(4)(b)**, 12(2); S.S.I. 2020/162, reg. 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C13** S. 7B modified (7.5.2024) by 1989 c. 3, **Sch. 1 Pt. 2 para. 7A** (as substituted by [Elections Act 2022](#) (c. 37), s. 67(1), **Sch. 8 para. 9(5)(b)**; S.I. 2023/1145, reg. 5(b) (with **Sch. para. 1(3)**))
- C14** S. 7B applied (with modifications) (9.4.2001) by S.I. 2001/1184, reg. 9, Sch. Pt. I (as substituted (17.3.2009) by S.I. 2009/726, regs. 1(1), 2(3)(4), **Sch.**)
- C15** S. 7B extended (S.) (8.8.2013) by [Scottish Independence Referendum \(Franchise\) Act 2013](#) (asp 13), **ss. 7**, 13(1) (with s. 13(2))
- C16** S. 7B applied (with modifications) (S.) (8.8.2013) by [Scottish Independence Referendum \(Franchise\) Act 2013](#) (asp 13), **ss. 6**, 13(1), sch. 1 Pts. 1, 2 (with s. 13(2))
- C17** S. 7B extended (2.8.2019) by [The Representation of the People Act 1983 Remedial \(Scotland\) Order 2019](#) (S.S.I. 2019/261), arts. 1, **6(2)** (with art. 6(4))

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 7B(2C)(b) words substituted by [2024 asp 5 Sch. para. 24\(2\)](#)
- s. 7B(6)(a)(ii) words omitted by [2024 asc 4 s. 10\(9\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 7B(6)(b) words omitted by [2024 asc 4 s. 10\(9\)\(b\)](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act Representation of the People Acts amended by [1985 c. 50 Sch. 1 para. 24](#)
- Act power to amend conferred by [2009 c. 12 s. 34\(3\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 30-34 repealed (10.6.2014 for E.W., 15.9.2014 for N.I., 19.9.2014 for S.) by Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c. 6), s. 27(1), Sch. 4 para. 24(b) (with Sch. 5); S.I. 2014/414, art. 5(m); S.I. 2014/2439, art. 2(l))
- Blanket amendment words substituted by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 34](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 9(2A) inserted by [2021 asc 1 s. 18\(2\)](#)
- s. 9E(1A) inserted by [2021 asc 1 s. 18\(4\)](#)
- s. 9ZA inserted by [2021 asc 1 s. 18\(3\)](#)
- s. 10(4C)(4D) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 33\(3\)\(e\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 30-34 repealed (10.6.2014 for E.W., 15.9.2014 for N.I., 19.9.2014 for S.) by Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c. 6), s. 27(1), Sch. 4 para. 24(b) (with Sch. 5); S.I. 2014/414, art. 5(m); S.I. 2014/2439, art. 2(l))
- s. 10A(1C)(1D) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 33\(5\)\(d\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 30-34 repealed (10.6.2014 for E.W., 15.9.2014 for N.I., 19.9.2014 for S.) by Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c. 6), s. 27(1), Sch. 4 para. 24(b) (with Sch. 5); S.I. 2014/414, art. 5(m); S.I. 2014/2439, art. 2(l))
- s. 10ZE(2A) inserted by [2021 asc 1 s. 18\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 10ZE(4A) inserted by [2021 asc 1 s. 18\(5\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 10ZE(5A)-(5C) inserted by [2021 asc 1 s. 18\(5\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 13A(1)(zc) inserted by [2021 asc 1 s. 18\(6\)](#)
- s. 13A(2C)(2D) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 33\(6\)\(d\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 30-34 repealed (10.6.2014 for E.W., 15.9.2014 for N.I., 19.9.2014 for S.) by Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c. 6), s. 27(1), Sch. 4 para. 24(b) (with Sch. 5); S.I. 2014/414, art. 5(m); S.I. 2014/2439, art. 2(l))
- s. 56(1)(azaa) inserted by [2021 asc 1 s. 18\(9\)](#)

- s. 63(3)(ba) inserted by [2006 c. 22 s. 7](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 7 repealed (2.4.2013) without ever being in force by 2013 c. 6, s. 23; S.I. 2013/702, art. 3(e))
- s. 81(4A)(4B) inserted by [2006 asp 14 s. 19\(2\)](#)
- s. 113(7)(b)(c) inserted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 15\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- s. 114(4) inserted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 16](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- s. 115(3) inserted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 17](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- s. 139(6A) inserted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 19\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- s. 165(3A) inserted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 20](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- s. 201(2B) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 33\(9\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Ss. 30-34 repealed (10.6.2014 for E.W., 15.9.2014 for N.I., 19.9.2014 for S.) by Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c. 6), s. 27(1), Sch. 4 para. 24(b) (with Sch. 5); S.I. 2014/414, art. 5(m); S.I. 2014/2439, art. 2(l))
- Sch. 1 rule 37A inserted by [2011 c. 1 s. 9\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 9 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(a))
- Sch. 1 rule 45A45B inserted by [2011 c. 1 s. 9\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 9 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(a))
- Sch. 1 rule 46(3) inserted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 5\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 47(3A)(3B) inserted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 6\(4\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 40(1B)(a) repealed by [2006 c. 22 Sch. 2](#)
- Sch. 1 rule 18 substituted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 2](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 47(4)(d) substituted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 6\(5\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 61(2)(c) substituted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 10\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 62 substituted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 11\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 47(1)(aa)(b) substituted for Sch. 1 rule 47(1)(b) by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 6\(2\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 47(2)-(2E) substituted for Sch. 1 rule 47(2) by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 6\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 47(4)(aa)(b) substituted for Sch. 1 rule 47(4)(b) by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 6\(5\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))

- Sch. 1 rule 4949A substituted for Sch. 1 rule 49 by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 7](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 50(1)(a)(aa)(ab)(b)(c) substituted for Sch. 1 rule 50(1)(a)-(c) by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 8](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 61(2)(a)(aa) substituted for Sch. 1 rule 61(2)(a) by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 10\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 46(1)(1A) substituted for rule 46(1) by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 5\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 46(2) words inserted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 5\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 47 heading words inserted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 6\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 29(5) words substituted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 3](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 44(5) words substituted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 4](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 47(1) words substituted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 6\(2\)\(c\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 47(1)(d) words substituted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 6\(2\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 53(4) words substituted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 9](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 61(1) words substituted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 10\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 2 para. 1(4ZA)-(4ZC) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 33\(10\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 30-34 repealed (10.6.2014 for E.W., 15.9.2014 for N.I., 19.9.2014 for S.) by Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c. 6), s. 27(1), Sch. 4 para. 24(b) (with Sch. 5); S.I. 2014/414, art. 5(m); S.I. 2014/2439, art. 2(l))
- Sch. 2 para. 1(6A) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 33\(10\)\(e\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 30-34 repealed (10.6.2014 for E.W., 15.9.2014 for N.I., 19.9.2014 for S.) by Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c. 6), s. 27(1), Sch. 4 para. 24(b) (with Sch. 5); S.I. 2014/414, art. 5(m); S.I. 2014/2439, art. 2(l))
- Sch. 2 para. 5C inserted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 4 para. 5](#)