
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2001 No. 341

The Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001

PART III

REGISTRATION

Determination of applications and objections

[^{F1}]^{F2}Annual canvass in respect of particular types of property

32ZBF.—(1) Paragraph (4) applies where a registration officer has identified a responsible person in respect of a property to which paragraph (2) applies in the area for which the officer is responsible.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), this paragraph applies to—

- (a) a care home registered under Part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 ;
- (b) a property at which is situated a care home service regulated under the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 , unless that service is provided wholly or mainly to persons under the age of 18;
- (c) a house in multiple occupation within the meaning of section 254 of the Housing Act 2004 ;
- (d) a building occupied by students within the meaning of paragraph 4 of Schedule 14 to the Housing Act 2004;
- (e) a hostel, being a building in which is provided, for persons generally or for a class or classes of persons—
 - (i) residential accommodation otherwise than in separate and self-contained premises; and
 - (ii) either board or facilities for the preparation of food adequate to the needs of those persons, or both; and
- (f) a property—
 - (i) at which persons reside who together do not form a single household; or
 - (ii) in respect of which a registration officer has made an attempt to deliver a document in the previous 18 months but has been unable to do so; and

in respect of which a registration officer reasonably believes that conducting the annual canvass in accordance with this regulation is more likely to fulfil its purpose under section 9D(2) of the 1983 Act than if conducted in accordance with any other part of these Regulations.

(3) Paragraph (2)(f) does not apply to a building containing two or more flats which are occupied or intended to be occupied wholly or mainly for residential purposes.

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(4) The registration officer may proceed to conduct the annual canvass for that property ^{F3}..., by complying with paragraph (5) [^{F4} or (5A)] (but see paragraph (7)).

(5) The registration officer must attempt to make contact with the responsible person and must request the following information in respect of each person aged 16 or over who is residing at that property and is eligible to be registered in a register of parliamentary electors in England or Wales, or a register of local government electors in England—

- (a) full name;
- (b) nationality;
- (c) an indication as to whether the person in question is aged 76 or over.

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^{F5}(5A) The registration officer for a register of local government electors in Wales must attempt to make contact with the responsible person and must request the following information in respect of each person aged 14 or over who is residing at that property and is eligible to be registered in a register of local government electors in Wales—

- (a) full name;
- (b) date of birth;
- (c) nationality;
- (d) an indication as to whether that person is aged 76 or over.]

(6) A registration officer may comply with paragraph (5) [^{F6} or (5A)] by any means the registration officer thinks appropriate, including—

- (a) by sending a paper communication;
- (b) by visiting the property;
- (c) by telephone;
- (d) by electronic means.

(7) If, after complying with the requirements of paragraph (5) [^{F7} or (5A)], the registration officer does not receive the information requested within a reasonable time of having made the attempt to contact the responsible person the registration officer must conduct the annual canvass in respect of that property in accordance with regulation 32ZBD.

(8) For the purposes of this regulation “responsible person” means any person who lawfully holds or has access to, and may lawfully disclose to the registration officer, any of the information in paragraph (5) [^{F8} or (5A)] in relation to the residents of a property to which paragraph (2) applies.]]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Regs. 32ZA-32ZI inserted (10.6.2014) by [The Representation of the People \(England and Wales\) \(Description of Electoral Registers and Amendment\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/3198\)](#), regs. 1(5)(c), **22** (as amended by S.I. 2014/1234, regs. 1(1), 4)
- F2** Regs. 32ZBA-32ZBG inserted (31.12.2019) by [The Representation of the People \(Annual Canvass\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1451\)](#), regs. 1(3), **11**
- F3** Words in reg. 32ZBF(4) omitted (22.1.2020) by virtue of [The Representation of the People \(Annual Canvass\) \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/50\)](#), regs. 2, **17(a)(i)**
- F4** Words in reg. 32ZBF(4) inserted (22.1.2020) by [The Representation of the People \(Annual Canvass\) \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/50\)](#), regs. 2, **17(a)(ii)**
- F5** Reg. 32ZBF(5A) inserted (22.1.2020) by [The Representation of the People \(Annual Canvass\) \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/50\)](#), regs. 2, **17(b)**

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- F6** Words in reg. 32ZBF(6) inserted (22.1.2020) by [The Representation of the People \(Annual Canvass\) \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/50\)](#), regs. 2, **17(c)**
- F7** Words in reg. 32ZBF(7) inserted (22.1.2020) by [The Representation of the People \(Annual Canvass\) \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/50\)](#), regs. 2, **17(c)**
- F8** Words in reg. 32ZBF(8) inserted (22.1.2020) by [The Representation of the People \(Annual Canvass\) \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/50\)](#), regs. 2, **17(c)**

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

- reg. 31I(3)(t) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 38\(2\)](#)
- reg. 32ZA(3A) inserted by [2020 anaw 1 s. 13\(2\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Reg. 32ZA already revoked (22.1.2020) by S.I. 2020/50, reg. 10)
- reg. 32ZA(5A) inserted by [2020 anaw 1 s. 13\(2\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Reg. 32ZA already revoked (22.1.2020) by S.I. 2020/50, reg. 10)