
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2001 No. 497

Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 2001

PART II

SERVICE AND OVERSEAS ELECTORS' DECLARATIONS

[^{F1}Overseas electors: reminders and renewal declarations]

[^{F1}Renewal declarations]

22B.—(1) A renewal declaration must be in writing and must include the declarant's present address.

(2) The Electoral Commission must—

(a) design a paper renewal declaration form which—

(i) requires the information required by paragraph (1) and section 1E(1) and (2) of the 1985 Act,

(ii) includes a statement that it is an offence to provide false information to the registration officer, together with a statement of the maximum penalty for that offence, and

(iii) includes space for the email address and telephone number of the declarant and an explanation that provision of this information is not mandatory,

(b) seek the approval of the Secretary of State to the design of that form, and

(c) having obtained that approval, make the form available to registration officers.

(3) The registration officer may authorise the declarant to provide the information required by paragraph (1) and by section 1E(1) and (2) of the 1985 Act to the registration officer by telephone or in person and, where the registration officer does so, the registration officer must transfer the information provided by the declarant into a renewal declaration in writing.

(4) Where, by virtue of arrangements made by the Secretary of State, a renewal declaration may be made through the digital service, the Secretary of State must—

(a) request the declarant's email address and telephone number and provide an explanation of the purpose for which this information will be used and that provision of this information is not mandatory, and

(b) send to the registration officer any declaration the Secretary of State receives, together with—

(i) the declarant's email address and telephone number (if provided), and

(ii) a reference number unique to that declaration.]

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Textual Amendments

- F1** [Regs. 22A-22D](#) and cross-heading inserted (16.1.2024) by [The Representation of the People \(Overseas Electors etc.\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1406\)](#), regs. 1(2), **9(6)** (with Sch. 2 para. 3(1)(2))

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

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. 39\(2\)](#)