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Form of Canvass and Form of Words about the Two Versions of the Register

PART I

Form prescribed for the purposes of section 10(4) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (as substituted by Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 2000)

RETURN BY OCCUPIER AS TO RESIDENTS

Your right to vote

You can vote in elections only if your name appears in the register of electors. A new version of the register is published at least once a year following an annual canvass which takes place each autumn.

About this form

The law requires you to give the information requested in this form. So please fill it in, sign it and return it to the electoral registration officer *as quickly as possible*.

Remember to include the names of all those living in your household who will be eligible to vote – their right to vote is important too.

The form should include all those living in your household on 15th October [*insert year*]. But you need not wait until then to fill in the form.

If you do not return this form, your name may be left out of the new version of the register, even though it may already be included in the current one.

With this form there are notes about who is eligible to vote and instructions on how to fill it in.

If there is anything you don't understand, or if you would like more information, contact your electoral registration office at the address - or on the telephone number - shown on the form. They will be pleased to help.

Checking the register

The new register is published on or shortly before 1st December and you can look at a copy of it at your local electoral registration office, the council offices or at some libraries. If for some reason you have been missed off the register, or your details have changed since 15th October (for example, because you have changed your address) you should ask immediately to have your name added to the register or to have the register changed. The electoral registration officer will tell you what you have to do.

Would you prefer to vote by post?

Anyone on the electoral register can vote by post. You can have a postal vote for just one election, for all elections in a set period, or for all elections indefinitely. To make it easy for you to apply for a postal vote, there is a tick box alongside each name on the form. If you want to apply for a postal vote, you should tick the box and an application form will be sent to you.

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ANNUAL CANVASS OF ELECTORS [insert year]

You must by law give the information requested in this form.

Be sure to include:-

- **British citizens, citizens of other Commonwealth countries or of the Irish Republic.**
- **Citizens of other Member States of the European Union** - you should therefore include all citizens of the following States:

Austria	Finland	Ireland	Poland
Belgium	France	Latvia	Portugal
Cyprus	Germany	Lithuania	Slovakia
Czech Republic	Greece	Luxembourg	Slovenia
Denmark	Hungary	Malta	Spain
Estonia	Italy	Netherlands	Sweden

These citizens will be registered as local government electors only (unless they are also Commonwealth citizens such as citizens of Cyprus and Malta, or citizens of the Irish Republic, who can vote in all elections). Those citizens registered as local government electors are able to vote in elections for the Scottish Parliament.

- **Those living in your household who are 16 and 17 years old** - they can vote as soon as they are 18. Please give their dates of birth in Part 4.
- **Those who normally live in your household but are away for the time being** - for example on holiday, as students, or in hospital (including voluntary patients in psychiatric hospitals).
- **Anyone who is away working**, unless they are away for more than six months.
- **Any other residents, lodgers or guests** (but not short-stay visitors) in your household, whether this is a private address, a hostel or a club.

Don't include:-

- **Foreign nationals** - except for citizens of Member States of the European Union (see list of States above).
- **People under 16.**
- **Anybody who will be leaving your address** before 15th October [insert year].

European Parliamentary Elections

If you are a citizen of a Member State of the European Union, you may be able to vote in European Parliamentary Elections in this country if you wish, **but you will need to fill in another form to allow you to do so.** Ask the electoral registration officer for more details.

The two versions of the register

The electoral registration officer makes and keeps two versions of the electoral register - the full register and the edited register.

Please put a tick in Part 5 against anyone who wishes their name and address to be excluded from the edited register. Each elector must choose each year whether they want their details to be excluded from the edited register. You must therefore ask each of them their

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preference before completing this form. You must decide whether to tick the box even if you have ticked it on a previous canvass form.

The full register

The full register lists everyone who is entitled to vote and includes their address. You can check it by calling at your local electoral registration office, the council offices or at some local libraries. Only certain people and organisations can have copies of the full register, and they can only use it for specified purposes. The main use of the full register is for elections and referendums, but it can also be used for other purposes such as the prevention and detection of crime and for checking your identity when you have applied for credit. Details of others who can have copies of the full register and what they can use it for are given in the Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002 No. 1872).

It is a criminal offence not to comply with the Regulations. For example, it is a criminal offence either to pass the full register on to anyone or to use it for any purpose, except as allowed by the Regulations.

The Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2002, Schedule 1 (S.I. 2002 No. 2779) also makes provision about those who can have copies of the full register and what they can use it for, in the context of elections to the Scottish Parliament.

The Regulations and Order are available on the internet at www.legislation.hmsso.gov.uk/stat.htm or you can buy a copy from The Stationery Office Ltd.

The edited register

The edited register leaves out the names and addresses of people who have asked for them to be excluded from that version of the register. The edited register can be bought by anyone who asks for a copy and they may use it for any purpose.

How to return this form

First, please check that you have read and completed the form and signed the declaration. Then return it in the envelope provided or fold the form up as the instructions tell you. Otherwise you can send it or take it to your local electoral registration office at the address shown on the form.

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REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS
Electoral registration form - annual canvass

DON'T LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE **X**

Please read the notes below before filling in using **BLOCK LETTERS**

1. Address. Number of flat, bedsit or floor (where applicable).		Number of house (or name if not numbered), followed by Name of street, road, etc. and remainder of address, including postcode			
2. Names Please read the notes below about who to include and who not to include. Then write here the names of all those, including yourself, living in your household on 15th October [insert year] who are British citizens or other Commonwealth citizens, or who are citizens of the Republic of Ireland or another Member State of the European Union and are aged 16 or over on that date.		3. Nationality Please enter nationality below.	4. 16/17 year olds Please give dates of birth of 16/17 year olds.		
Surname (BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE)		5. Persons not wishing to appear on the edited register If the person does not wish their name to appear on the edited register, enter ✓ below (see note on the two versions of the register).	Day	Month	Year
Full forenames (BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE)					
7. No one eligible If no one (including yourself) in your household should be included in Part 2 above, please write 'NO ONE' in Part 2 and give the reason.		6. Postal votes If you want a postal vote application enter ✓ below.			
9. Declaration It is an offence to give false information in completing this form. I declare that as far as I know, the details on this form are true and accurate and all whose names are entered are British citizens, other Commonwealth citizens, citizens of the Republic of Ireland, or citizens of other Member States of the European Union.		8. Other households Is where you live part of a house or other property that has been converted into flats or bedsits? If so, please state how many individual flats or bedsits there are so that the electoral registration officer can make sure that the people living there are given a form. How many flats or bedsits?.....			
Signature		Date			