

## BUT I THOUGHT I WAS ALREADY REGISTERED TO VOTE?

If you have registered yourself at your current address since 10 June 2014 in England and Wales or 19 September 2014 in Scotland – and you have not moved home since – you will be registered to vote under the new system. You will also be registered to vote if you received information at your current address telling you that you are registered under the new system.

If you are unsure whether you are registered under the new system, contact your local electoral registration staff.



## WHAT IF I DON'T REGISTER?

Not only will you not have a say at future elections and referendums, but if you don't respond to requests for information from your local electoral registration staff offices you could be at risk of getting fined £80.



**YOU NEED TO REGISTER  
YOURSELF IN ORDER TO  
BE ABLE TO VOTE.**



**YOUR VOTE MATTERS  
MAKE SURE YOU'RE IN**



## HOW DO I REGISTER?

Registering to vote is quick, easy and secure.

- 1 Go to [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)
- 2 Fill in your name, address, date of birth and a few other details. You'll also need your National Insurance number, which can be found on your National Insurance card, or in official paperwork such as payslips, or letters about benefits or tax credits.
- 3 Look out for confirmation from your local electoral registration staff to say you're registered.

If you don't have access to the internet or can't use it, your local electoral registration staff will be able to help you to register.



## ABOUT VOTER REGISTRATION

You need to register in order to be able to vote in elections and referendums. The way you register to vote has changed in 2014.

The new system means:

- You can now register online.
- Everyone is responsible for registering themselves. Under the old system the 'head of every household' could register everyone who lived at their address.
- You need to provide a few details to register – including your National Insurance number and date of birth. This makes the electoral register more secure.



## WHY SHOULD I REGISTER?

To vote: You need to register in order to be able to vote. If you aren't registered to vote, you won't have the chance to have a say on who represents you.

Some people also register to vote because they want to apply for credit. This is because credit reference agencies use the register to confirm where someone lives when they apply for credit in order to counteract fraud.

As a student, you can register at both your term time address and at the address you live at outside of term time.

Lots of students are missing from the electoral register which means you don't get a say in how things are run. No-one else can register for you.

