

Declaration of Local Connection – Homeless person

You need to be on the electoral register to vote in elections and referendums. If you are a homeless person resident in Northern Ireland but you do not have a permanent address, you can register by giving an address which is nearest to a place where you commonly spend a substantial part of your time.

You will also need to provide an address where correspondence can be delivered for example a poll card or a reminder that your registration needs renewed. If you cannot give such an address you may want to appoint the Area Electoral Office as the address from which correspondence can be collected.

You will be added to the register at the address you provide for a period of one year. We will write to you at the end of that time to check if you wish to remain at this address.

How do I register as a Homeless person?

1 Fill in the registration form. You should give an address where you spend a substantial part of your time. You may choose only ONE place at which to be registered for the next year.

2 You must give an address to which correspondence can be sent for example if an election occurs or we write to you to renew your declaration. If you wish, you can collect correspondence from the Area Electoral Office by ticking the box on the form. If you leave this section blank we will assume that you wish to collect mail.

3 Make sure you sign the declaration on the form.

4 Return the completed form to the Area Electoral Office in the area where you wish to register as soon as possible. You can find the correct office by telephoning the Helpline on 0800 4320 712 or a list of offices can be found on our website www.eoni.org.uk.

5 You must renew your Declaration of Local Connection every year or you will lose your right to vote. You will receive a reminder from your Area Electoral Office telling you when you need to do this. If you change your address, you must inform the Area Electoral Office in the area where you are registered, or you will not receive your reminder.

6 The electoral identity card

If you do not have a passport, driving licence, Translink Senior SmartPass, 60+Smartpass, War Disabled SmartPass or Blind persons SmartPass, you will require an Electoral Identity card to vote at a polling station in Northern Ireland. If you will require a card, tick the box on the form and contact our Helpline who will advise what other information we will require.

7 The full and edited electoral registers

The full register lists the name and address of everyone who is registered. By law, certain public organisations and people, including politicians, can receive the full register. Anyone can look at it but it is a crime to supply or use the information for purposes other than those allowed by law. Credit reference agencies can use the full register, but only to check your name and address if you are applying for credit.

The edited register is available for general sale and can be used for any purpose. It can be bought by any person, company or organisation and can be used for commercial activities such as marketing. If you do not want your details to appear on the edited register please tick the 'edited register' box.

8 More information

You can contact us in one of the following ways:

Helpline: 0800 4320 712

Email: info@eoni.org.uk

Website: www.eoni.org.uk

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IMPORTANT: Please read the accompanying guidance notes before completing this form. **Please complete in BLACK INK and CAPITAL letters.** This form **will not be accepted** unless **all relevant sections** are fully completed and the form is signed.

Your Details

Surname

Forename(s)

Date of Birth / /

Nationality

National Insurance Number (e.g. AB123456C)

Tick this box if you have never had a national insurance number.

Telephone Number

Address where you want to register - Please give the address at or near to which you spend a substantial amount of your time (either during the day or night).

Electoral ID Card

If you require an Electoral Identity Card tick here (see guidance notes).

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Your former address – where you have been registered to vote but where you no longer live.

Other residences – Please state any other address in the United Kingdom where you are or have applied to be registered to vote e.g. family home, mid week lodgings.

Address for correspondence – Please give an address where you can collect correspondence from.

I will collect correspondence from my Area Electoral Office. If so please tick the box.

OR

please send correspondence to:

Edited Register

Tick this box if you do not want your name to be included on the edited register which is available for general sale (see guidance notes).

Declaration – I declare that:

- I am a British or Irish citizen, a Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of a Member State of the European Union.
- The information I have given on this form is true and accurate.
- I am entitled to be registered through a Declaration of Local Connection on the grounds of having no fixed address

You must **SIGN** this form in the box below, unless you are unable because of an incapacity or because you are unable to read. **No-one else can sign it for you.**

***** Please keep all of your signature inside the white box, otherwise we may return the form to you.**

Date

If you cannot sign the form you must ask a witness to fill in the section below for you.

The person whose details are given on this form has told me that the information is correct. That person is unable to sign the form *because of an incapacity/because they are unable to read (*delete as appropriate).

Signature of witness

Address of witness