

Declaration of Local Connection

For Office use only

Representation of the People Acts

Qualification for Making a Declaration of Local Connection

You are entitled to register as an elector by means of a Declaration of Local Connection if :-

- (a) you are currently resident as a patient in a mental hospital, you are not a detained offender or on remand, and would not be entitled to be registered by virtue of residence at any other place; or
- (b) you are currently resident at a place where you are remanded in custody, otherwise than after being convicted of any offence, and would not be entitled to be registered by virtue of residence at any other place; or
- (c) you are a homeless person not resident at any address in the United Kingdom.

1. Declarant's Details (Please complete in BLOCK LETTERS)

Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss etc) Surname Other Names

Please give a qualifying address where :-

- (a) you would be residing if you were not a patient or remanded in custody; or
- (b) if you cannot give such an address, an address in the United Kingdom at which you have resided; or
- (c) if you are homeless, the address of, or which is nearest to, a place in the United Kingdom where you commonly spend a substantial part of your time (whether during the day or night).

Please give an address where correspondence for you can be delivered. If you are unable to give such an address, you must confirm at the declaration in Part 2 that you are willing to collect from my office at periodic intervals such correspondence as I may address to you.

If you are currently registered as an elector for a different address to that given above, please state the address in respect of which you are registered.

2. Declaration

I hereby declare that :-

- (a) I am British or other Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, or other Member state of the European Union.*
*(If you are not a British, Commonwealth, or Irish Citizen, please state your nationality :-)

- (b) I am 18 years of age or over at the date of this declaration; or (if the declarant is not 18 years of age but will reach 18 before 1st December next)
My date of birth is _____ / _____ / _____
- (c) I am entitled to be registered through a Declaration of Local Connection on the grounds of my being :-
A patient in a mental hospital* A prisoner held on remand* Homeless*
(*Please tick appropriate box)
- (d) I confirm that, if I have not been able to give a correspondence address in Part 1, I will collect from the Electoral Registration office at periodic intervals such correspondence as may be addressed to me in connection with my registration or voting at elections.

EDITED REGISTER (see notes overleaf)

If you wish your name to be excluded from the edited register please mark an X in the box.

Signature

Dated

Notes

Please note that for this declaration to be effective, I must receive it within three months of the date on which it was made.

You may cancel the declaration at any time by giving me notice in writing that you wish to do so.

You are entitled to remain registered for a period of 12 months from the date when your entry in the Register takes effect. You will be sent a reminder between 9 and 10 months from the date your registration becomes effective, which you can collect from your correspondence address or from my office. Your declaration will also cease to be effective if you subsequently register as an elector, other than by means of a Declaration of Local Connection, or you submit a fresh Declaration.

The Electoral Registration Officer makes and keeps two versions of the electoral register - the full register and the edited register.

The full register lists everyone who is entitled to vote. You can check it by calling at 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. These include electoral purposes, the prevention and detection of crime and checking your identity when you have applied for credit. The law says who can have a copy of the full register and what they can use it for. The full list of such persons and purposes is given in the Representation of the People (England and Wales)(Amendment) Regulations 2002. It is a criminal offence for them to pass it on to anyone to use it for any other purpose.

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.

In accordance with the Representation of the People Acts, any application to be registered as an elector is subject to public inspection to allow for objection to the application to be made. At the end of this period of public inspection (if no objection has been received) the applicant may be added to the Register of Electors on the first working day of the month. Applications must be determined by the Electoral Registration Officer by 14 days before the end of the month (exclusive of a 5 day period for receipt of objections) in order for the applicant to be added to the Register of Electors on the first working day of the next month. Those applications determined after 14 days before the end of the month will be delayed for inclusion in the Register of Electors until the first working day of the following month. Please note that in the "run-up" to an Election you will only be able to vote at that Election if your name has been added to the Register of Electors before the last day for delivery of Nomination Papers for the Election.

RETURN FORM TO :-

Electoral Registration Officer, South Hams District Council, Follaton House,
Plymouth Road, Totnes TQ9 5NE