

A guide to anonymously registering to vote

The law requires you to remain on the register, even if you are not intending or unable to vote.

Once you are on the register you can only be removed if you are no longer eligible to vote (e.g. if you leave the country)

If you have been contacted by the Electoral Office for NI and asked to complete a registration form it is an offence to refuse to do so or provide false information.



Did you know that the current electoral register contains the list of the names and addresses of everyone who is entitled to vote. Anyone can view the electoral register, under supervision.

Here's how to protect your details



What is anonymous registration?

It is for anyone for whom the publication of their name and address in the electoral register would pose a threat to their safety. This includes domestic violence and abuse.

Registering anonymously enables people at risk to keep their personal details from being published on the electoral register therefore enabling safe voter registration.

An anonymous entry in the electoral register lasts up to 5 years.

It can apply to all other people entitled to vote and living in the same household as someone at risk.

How to apply?

Do you have a court order, an injunction, restraining order or non molestation order?

Yes

No

Request attestation from police, medical practitioner, nurse or midwife, refuge manager, Director of Social Care & Children and an Executive Director of Social Work

Attestation agreed

Attestation not agreed

Complete anonymous registration application and return to Electoral Office for Northern Ireland

No change to register

Application agreed

Application not agreed

Personal details removed from register

Appeal within 14 days at private hearing in County Court



What is an attestation?

A statement that serves to bear witness, confirm or authenticate. It must be in writing and signed.



Once you have been given the right to anonymously register to vote you can only vote by post or by proxy.

You are no longer eligible to vote in person.

If you are living in temporary accommodation (such as a refuge), at the time of your application to register anonymously, use your temporary address on the application form.

Once you are rehoused you must notify the Electoral Office either by phone or in writing of your new address - this will remain anonymous as long as it is within the 5 year period.

Otherwise a new application must be made.



Contact the Electoral Office
028 90 44 6680



Download the application form -

<http://www.eoni.org.uk/getmedia/6769702c-5c3c-41bf-b75e-6eed5cde5b8b/Anonymous-Registration-Form-03-10-17>

