



Electoral Registration

If you are a British, Commonwealth or Republic of Ireland citizen you are entitled to register to vote in all elections in Britain. Citizens of the European Union states are entitled to register to vote in local and European elections.

If you haven't registered to vote at your current term time address before, please think about doing so as you settle into life at UNIC and the University of Northampton.

Registering to vote is easy, simply visit [Register to vote](#)

Find out everything you need to know about voting at the [Your vote matters](#) website

Why should I be on the electoral register?

If you are not registered you can't vote. The electoral register is also used in Credit Referencing when buying some items, such as mobile phones, or opening a bank account. Some employers also check Credit Referencing.

I'm not British, can I vote?

Commonwealth and Republic of Ireland citizens are entitled to register and vote in all elections in Britain. Citizens of European Union states are entitled to register and vote in local and European elections.

I'm already registered at my home address

That's great, though it is worth checking that you still are. You are entitled to be registered at home and your University address. At local council elections you can vote in both as well.

Can I vote twice – at home and at the College/University?

If your home and university addresses are in two different local authority areas, you can vote in **local elections** in both areas. This is because they are separate elections.

No one is allowed to vote twice in the same election, even if the votes are in different areas of the country – **It is a criminal offence to vote twice.**

I'm not interested in voting

Voting is not compulsory so you can choose whether to vote or not.