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Don't lose your voice - register to vote today!

Dear Student,

The way we all register to vote has changed

You need to make sure that you're on the updated register, or you might not be able to vote in future or get credit.

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

You can now register online. Visit <u>www.gov.uk/register-to-vote</u>

Registration is simple and takes around two minutes – you'll need your date of birth and National Insurance number to complete your application – if you don't know your National Insurance number you can skip this step and we may still be able to verify your application.

I think I'm already registered at my home address

You are entitled to be registered at home **and** your university address. Whilst at university, we consider you part of our community and as such, we want **you** to have a democratic voice on issues that affect you.

Can I vote twice - at home and at uni?

This depends on the type of election. At local elections you can vote in both areas if they are in different districts;

You can't vote twice in:

- UK Parliamentary general election
- European Parliamentary election

If you are unsure of your eligibility to vote in a particular election, please check with the Elections Office – they can also provide advice on postal voting.

Wherever you are on Election Day, you can have your say!

Your future credit rating

Most people don't realise until it's too late that if you aren't registered to vote, it can affect your credit rating. You might not be able to secure a mortgage, loan or mobile phone contract. Some employers also do credit checks.

I'm not British, can I vote?

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

Save time and paperwork by registering online today!

Register to vote easily:

• QR code:



- Go online: <u>www.gov.uk/register-to-vote</u>
- *iLancaster* app: click on the electoral registration button and follow the link.
- Call: 01524 582905 to complete a telephone application (9am to 5pm).

More information about voting and electoral registration can be found at:

www.gov.uk/yourvotematters