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Electoral Register for Preston City Council

# **Confirmation of Voter Registration 2024**

Dear Occupier(s)

We have a busy year of Elections with Local and Police & Crime Commissioner Elections in May and a Parliamentary Election this year. We need to make sure that our electoral register records are correct. Being registered to vote gives you the right to vote in elections and can improve your credit rating.

### Voting at a Polling Station?

Please remember to bring Photographic ID with you to vote at a polling station. If you don't have any photo ID you can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate. They last for 10 years so apply now to be ready to vote. Information on how to apply is on the next page.

The following people are currently registered to vote at your address:

Surname	First name	Current Voting Method
TRUMP	DONALD	Postal Vote

# (i) What to do now

- If the details above are wrong or incomplete (names missing, names to be added, request to change to postal voting method)
  - Go to www.householdresponse.com/preston and enter your security codes, or
  - Edit the form and post or deliver it by hand to: Town Hall, Lancaster Road, Preston, PR1 2RL
- If the details are ALL correct

You do not need to do anything. Please do NOT send back the form.

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# **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### Someone in my household isn't registered, what should I do?

Anyone whose name is not included in this letter should go to **www.gov.uk/register-to-vote** to register. We can also provide paper application forms on request.

# I have already told the council I live here and I have voted in the past – why am I not registered?

Even if you have registered for council tax or council services, you still need to apply to register. We are writing to every household to make sure everyone who is eligible is registered.

#### What elections are happening in my area?

The next Police & Crime Commissioner and Local elections take place on Thursday 2 May 2024. If you are entitled to vote at the election, you will receive a poll card with more information in April. You will also receive information on any other elections that may be happening on the same day and at which you can vote.

# Will I be able to vote at the PCCE and Local elections on Thursday 2 May 2024?

You need to be included on the electoral register in order to vote.

There are some people who are entitled to be registered, but won't be entitled to vote in a particular election. For example, while you can register to vote before you turn 18, you have to be 18 or older on election day in order to vote. Citizens of the UK, Ireland, European Union and the Commonwealth can all register and are able to vote in local council elections. However, only citizens of the UK, Ireland and Commonwealth nations can vote in some elections (for example a UK Parliamentary election).

## How can I apply to vote by post?

If you are registered to vote at this property and would like to by post, please apply online at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote">www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote</a>, you are required to upload a photo of your wet ink signature to complete the online application. Please DO NOT supply a digital signature or we may not be able to accept your application. Applying online will make sure your application is processed early, and your postal vote can be sent to you more quickly once the candidates for the elections are confirmed.

If you are unable to apply online, you can print a paper application, please go to

www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-for-a-postal-vote and return the application to the address on the front of this letter or call the helpline on 01772 906908 to request an application to be posted.

## How can I apply to vote by proxy?

If you are registered to vote at this property and are unable to cast your vote in person, you can ask someone you trust to cast your vote for you. This is called a proxy vote and the person casting your vote is often referred to as your proxy. The person voting on your behalf can either go to your polling station to cast your vote or can apply to vote for you by post. To apply for a proxy vote, please visit www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote, you are required to upload a photo of your wet ink signature to complete the online application. Please DO NOT supply a digital signature or we may not be able to accept your application. If you are unable to apply online you can print a paper application, please go to www.gov.uk/government/collections/proxy-voting-application-forms and return the application to the address on the front of this letter or call the helpline on 01772 906908 to request an application to be posted.

#### **Voter ID and Voter Authority Certificate Information**

You need to show photographic ID to vote at a polling station. Some of the accepted forms of ID include passport, photo driving licence, blue badge, bus pass, Proof of Age Standards Scheme (PASS card), Biometric immigration document, Defence identity card, National identity card - A full list of accepted identification documents is available at **www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID** Expired documents can still be used if the photo is a good likeness.

## What if I don't have photographic ID?

If you don't have any photo ID you can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate. They last for 10 years so apply now then you're ready to vote in future elections at www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID

PRIVACY STATEMENT
We collect information under the legal basis of a task carried out in the public interest, as set out in the Representation of the People Act 1983 and related regulations. We look after personal information securely and follow data protection legislation. If you opted-out of the open register we will only use the information you give us for electoral purposes, including matching it against other sources of data to support the electoral register. If you are currently registered, where applicable, we have processed your data correctly. We will not give personal information to anyone else, unless we have to by law. The law requires us to share your information with candidates, political parties and campaigners for democratic engagement purposes and credit reference agencies to check your identity when you apply for credit. If you have not opted-out of the open register your name and address can be bought by anyone and used for lots of purposes, including direct marketing. The Electoral Registration Officer is the Controller. They must have a policy document known as a privacy notice setting out how they process personal data.

Refer to the privacy notice at www.preston.gov.uk/privacy or contact us to request a copy.