

A message from Patrick Turner, British Consul at the British Consulate General Hong Kong.

British citizens living in Hong Kong – did you know you may eligible to vote in UK elections?

How do I register vote abroad?

The whole registration process can be **done online** in just a few minutes at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. If you **can't or don't want to register online**, you can still download and post back paper forms: www.gov.uk/government/publications/voter-registration-forms-paper-versions

What information will I need to register?

To register to become an overseas voter, you will need:

- To have been registered to vote in the UK in the **last 15 years***
- To know your **National Insurance** number[^]
- Your **date of birth**
- Your **passport** to hand, if you have one.

Can I choose how to vote?

Once you've registered, you can choose how you wish to vote. You can vote by **post**, by **proxy** (voting by appointing someone you trust to vote on your behalf), or even **in person** at your polling station.

I tried to vote in 2015, and I didn't have time to send my postal vote back! Will that happen again?

The Electoral Commission has pledged as of 2016 to make it easier to vote by post in the future, as the timetable for postal votes has been extended to allow postal votes to be sent out even earlier than usual.

**If you were too young when you left the UK to have been registered, then you can register as an overseas voter if your parents (or guardians) were registered in the UK in the last 15 years.*

[^] If you don't have or know your National Insurance number you can still register, but you may have to supply more information to show who you are.

If you want more information, take a look at the [gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) website. But if you still have questions, email HongKong.Consular@fco.gov.uk and the team in Hong Kong will do their best to get an answer for you.

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Why not do both?**

Register to vote in the referendum on the UK's membership of the EU. It only takes 5 minutes.

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