

# Understanding electoral registers



## The Electoral Register

- Contains the names and addresses of registered voters.
- Used to verify voter eligibility at the polling station.
- Accessible by political parties, candidates, and credit reference agencies.



## The Open Register

- Includes names and addresses of those who haven't opted out of the Open Register.
- Available for sale to any person or organisation.
- Used for marketing and other non-electoral purposes.



## The Anonymous Register

- Contains reference numbers, not names and addresses.
- Includes voters who have successfully applied to vote anonymously.
- Accessible only to the electoral registration office.



[www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)