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to vote at polling stations in some elections. Renewing your registration You have to renew your registration every year. When it's time to renew your registration, you'll get a reminder from your electoral registration office explaining what you need to do. You should receive the reminder about three months before your registration is due to expire. If you don't renew your application, you'll have to register to vote again. Answer some questions to find out if you can register to vote

Who can register to vote in England To register to vote, you must be: a UK or Irish citizen a qualifying Commonwealth citizen living in the UK an EU citizen living in the UK aged 16 or over (but you can't vote until you're 18 years old)

Who can register to vote in Wales To register to vote, you must be: a UK or Irish citizen a qualifying Commonwealth citizen living in the UK an EU citizen living in the UK a qualifying foreign citizen aged 14 or over (but you can't vote until you're 16 or 18 depending on the election)

Who can register to vote in Scotland To register to vote, you must be: a UK or Irish citizen, or a qualifying Commonwealth citizen living in the UK, or a qualifying foreign national who is living in Scotland and has permission to enter or stay in the UK, or who does not need such permission, including EU citizens. You must also be aged 14 or over (but you can't vote until you're 16 years old)

Who can register to vote in Northern Ireland To register to vote, you must be: a UK or Irish citizen a qualifying Commonwealth citizen living in the UK an EU citizen living in the UK aged 17 or older (or will be 17 by 30 November) (but you can't vote until you're 18 years old)

Who can register to vote as an overseas voter To register as an overseas voter, you must: be a UK or Irish citizen have been registered to vote in the UK within the last 15 years be aged 16 or over (but you can't vote until you're 18 years old) If you were too young to register to vote when you left the UK, you can still register to vote if: your parent or guardian was registered to vote you left the UK no more than 15 years ago If you left the UK more than 15 years ago, you can't register as an overseas voter.

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