

Amendments to the Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 2001

2. The Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 2001(a) are amended in accordance with regulations 3 to 10.

3. In regulation 26(1)(a) (applications for registration), for the words from “any previous name” to the end substitute “the most recent name (if any) by which the applicant has previously been known”.

4. In regulation 26A (application for alteration of register in respect of name)—

(a) in paragraph (4), for the words from “a copy” to the end substitute “documentary evidence of the applicant’s change of name”;

(b) in paragraph (5), for “one of the documents in paragraph (4)” substitute “any documentary evidence”;

(c) in paragraph (6), for “the copy document” substitute “any copy document”.

5. In regulation 29ZA(1) (verification of information in an application) for “on a paper application form” substitute “otherwise than through the digital service”.

6. In regulation 32ZA(3) (annual canvass) for sub-paragraph (f) substitute—

“(f) include a statement that the information provided in response to the form will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998”.

7. In regulation 32ZA(3)(i)—

(a) omit “signed”;

(b) for “signing the declaration” substitute “making the declaration”;

(c) for “they are signing” substitute “they are making it”.

8. Omit regulation 34 (retaining entries in register).

9. In regulation 36(2)(b) (notices in connection with registration), for “regulation 31C(2)(d)” substitute “regulation 31C(2)(b)(ii) or (iii)”.

10. In regulation 78A(1) (cancellation of postal ballot papers) omit “or local government”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

Dover House, London

Date

Name
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Scotland Office

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend certain regulations in the Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (S.I. 2001/497) which relate to the new system of individual electoral registration.

Regulation 3 requires applicants for registration to provide their most recent previous name (if any) instead of any previous name by which they have been known in the 12 months before their application.

(a) S.I. 2001/497, amended by S.I. 2002/1872, 2007/925 and 2013/3206; there are other amendments which are not relevant to this instrument.

Regulation 4 provides that, where people wish to change their name in the electoral register, the requirement to provide documentary evidence of the change of name is not limited to particular documents.

The effect of regulation 7 is that responses to the annual canvass form do not have to be made by completing and returning the form.

Regulations 5 and 6 and 8 to 10 make minor clarificatory and correcting amendments. Regulation 10 relates to Part V of the 2001 Regulations.

An overall impact assessment in relation to the individual electoral registration scheme is available on the Cabinet Office website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/individual-electoral-registration-impact-assessment>.

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