



## Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 and come into force on the day after the day on which they are made.

## 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 9.

3. 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”.

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

5. 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”.

6. 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”.

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

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

9. 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 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.

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(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.

The effect of regulation 6 is that responses to the annual canvass form do not have to be made by completing and returning the form.

Regulations 4 and 5 and 7 to 9 make minor clarificatory and correcting amendments. Regulation 9 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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