

# Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020

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#### PART 3

#### **ELECTIONS**

## Electoral registration

### 16 Applications for registration

- (1) The 2001 Regulations are amended as follows.
- (2) In regulation 24 (evidence as to age and nationality), after "Union" insert " or (for the purposes only of the registration of local government electors in Wales) a qualifying foreign citizen".
- (3) In regulation 26 (applications for registration)—
  - (a) after paragraph (1) insert—
    - "(1A) In relation to the registration of local government electors in Wales, where the applicant is not able to provide the applicant's date of birth, the statement referred to in paragraph (1)(e) must indicate whether the applicant is—
      - (a) under the age of 16,
      - (b) aged 16 or 17, or
      - (c) aged 18 or over.";
  - (b) in paragraph (3), after "(1)" insert ", (1A)";
  - (c) in paragraph (3)(ba), after "Union" insert " or (for the purposes only of the registration of local government electors in Wales) a qualifying foreign citizen ".
  - (d) after paragraph (3) insert—
    - "(3A) In relation to the registration of local government electors in Wales, the paper application form under paragraph (3) must also include an

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explanation of how information about applicants under the age of 16 will be held and used.";

- (e) after paragraph (9) insert—
  - "(9A) In relation to the registration of local government electors in Wales, paragraphs (1)(f) and (8)(a) do not apply in the case where the applicant is under the age of 16."
- (4) In regulation 26B (power to request additional evidence where certain information is unavailable or where the registration officer considers it necessary), after paragraph (6) insert—
  - "(6A) In relation to the registration of local government electors in Wales, paragraphs (2) to (6) do not apply in the case where the applicant is under the age of 16 if—
    - (a) there is information available to the registration officer from any educational record relating to the applicant, and
    - (b) that information is sufficient to satisfy the registration officer as to the applicant's identity and entitlement to be registered."
- (5) In regulation 28 (inspection of applications and objections), after paragraph (2) insert—
  - "(3) In relation to the registration of local government electors in Wales, this regulation does not apply to an application made by a person under the age of 16."
- (6) In regulation 29ZA (verification of information provided in an application), after paragraph (6) insert—
  - "(6A) In relation to the registration of local government electors in Wales, this regulation does not apply to an application made by a person under the age of 16."

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