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Annual canvass

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Each year the electoral registration officer (ERO) has a legal requirement to conduct an annual canvass to make sure the electoral register is accurate and complete.

The annual canvass helps us update information about who is living at each address, including any 16 or 17 year olds. This information is then used to invite unregistered residents to register to vote and to remove names of those who no longer live at the address.

Some 16 and 17 year olds are entitled to be included on the register as attainers. It is important that you include the details of anyone in your household in this age category as they will be sent instructions on how to register to vote. It is advisable that 16 and 17 year olds register early to ensure they are entitled to vote in elections once they reach their 18th birthday.

Your property will receive correspondence in **July** with instructions of what action to take (if any) - please ensure you read the form and check the household details contained within.

Additions and amendments made to the electoral register during the household canvass will take effect once the revised register of electors is published on the 1 December each year.

Responding online

When we conduct registration activities to ensure that the electoral register is up to date, you will receive a form.

Not all households will receive the same form type, so please ensure that you read and follow the instructions carefully on the form.

If the correspondence asks you to respond, or you notice something that needs correcting, the easiest way is online. It takes just a few minutes.

Please ensure that you have your unique security code to hand (found on the form) and visit [Household Response](#)

The electoral services team are on hand to answer any queries that you may have about the annual canvass by email annualcanvass@blackpool.gov.uk or by telephone 01253 477490 or 01253 477161.

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