BUT I THOUGHT I WAS ALREADY REGISTERED TO VOTE?

If you have registered yourself at your current address since 10 June 2014 in England and Wales or 19 September 2014 in Scotland – and you have not moved home since – you will be registered to vote under the new system. You will also be registered to vote if you received information at your current address telling you that you are registered under the new system.

If you are unsure whether you are registered under the new system, contact your local electoral registration staff.

WHAT IF I DON’T REGISTER?

Not only will you not have a say at future elections and referendums, but if you don’t respond to requests for information from your local electoral registration staff offices you could be at risk of getting fined £80.

YOU NEED TO REGISTER YOURSELF IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO VOTE.

YOUR VOTE MATTERS
MAKE SURE YOU’RE IN
Registering to vote is quick, easy
and secure.

1. Go to www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

2. Fill in your name, address, date of
birth and a few other details. You’ll
also need your National Insurance
number, which can be found on your
National Insurance card, or in official
paperwork such as payslips, or
letters about benefits or tax credits.

3. Look out for confirmation from your
local electoral registration staff to say
you’re registered.

If you don’t have access to the internet
or can’t use it, your local electoral
registration staff will be able to help you
to register.

You need to register in order to be able
to vote in elections and referendums.
The way you register to vote has changed
in 2014.

The new system means:
- You can now register online.
- Everyone is responsible for
registering themselves. Under the old
system the ‘head of every household’
could register everyone who lived at
their address.
- You need to provide a few details
to register – including your National
Insurance number and date of birth.
This makes the electoral register
more secure.

To vote: You need to register in order
to be able to vote. If you aren’t registered to
vote, you won’t have the chance to have
a say on who represents you.

Some people also register to vote
because they want to apply for credit.
This is because credit reference
agencies use the register to confirm
where someone lives when they apply
for credit in order to counteract fraud.

As a student, you can register at
both your term time address and at
the address you live at outside of
term time.

Lots of students are missing from the
electoral register which means you
don’t get a say in how things are run.
No-one else can register for you.