EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS IN IRELAND, JUNE 2004

All EU citizens* living in Ireland aged 18 years or over are also entitled to vote at and contest the 2004 European elections.

VOTING

To ensure that you are registered to vote at the 2004 European elections, complete the attached form and return it immediately to the city/county council specified on the back of the form - no stamp is required. If you are an EU citizen, other than an Irish or British citizen, and you were not registered to vote at the 1994 or 1999 European elections in Ireland, you must also complete an application form and a declaration, both of which can be obtained from the city/county council. The council will register you to vote in your local constituency and the information in your declaration will be sent to your home Member State to guard against double voting at the election.

STANDING FOR ELECTION

EU citizens living in Ireland can stand for election in any European constituency in the State. Candidates at a European election in Ireland must be at least 21 years of age. Returning officers will publish in May 2004 notices of the European election, setting out the arrangements for nominations, etc.

The nomination paper of a candidate, who is not a member of a registered political party, must be assented to by 60 electors registered in the European constituency concerned. If the candidate is not an Irish or British citizen, the nomination paper must be accompanied by a statutory declaration (form available from the returning officer) and an attestation from the candidate’s home Member State certifying that they have not been deprived, through an individual criminal or civil law decision, of the right to stand as a candidate at the European election in the home State. If you intend to stand for election and are a citizen of a Member State other than Ireland or the United Kingdom, you should set about obtaining an attestation as soon as possible, as this may take your home State some time to issue. The information in your statutory declaration will be sent to your home State to guard against dual candidacy at European elections.

* citizens of EU applicant member states (Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovak Republic and Slovenia) will be eligible to apply for entry on the supplement to the register once formal accession has taken place on 1 May, 2004.
APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OF NAMES IN THE REGISTER OF ELECTORS (PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS AND BALLPOINT PEN)

1. Full postal address of residence: 

2. Are there any other households/apartments contained at 1 above? Yes No 

3. List below every person aged 18 years or over, or those who will reach 18 years by 15 February next, and who are ordinarily resident at the above address. Give each person’s date of birth and tick the appropriate column(s) to indicate citizenship. If any of the persons listed wishes to be excluded from the edited register, tick also the relevant opt out box(es). The person completing this form should check with any other household members as regards their intentions concerning appearing on the edited register. (See Note D).

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4. If any person listed has taken up residence at the above address during the past year, please state the person’s name and former address:

5. Declaration: I believe that the information given above is correct. It is an offence to fail to give the registration authority any information required for the purpose of its duties or to give false information.

Signature Date

When this form has been completed, tear off the application section, seal it and return or post it to the registration authority whose address is on the back. No envelope or stamp is required.

NOTES

Next year’s Register of Electors is now being compiled. To ensure that you and members of your household, will be registered, complete and return this form IMMEDIATELY.

A. BE SURE TO INCLUDE:
• Every person over 18 living at your address;
• 17 year olds who will be 18 by 15 February next;
• Any eligible person who normally lives at your address but is temporarily away.

B. DO NOT INCLUDE:
• A visitor staying temporarily at your address.

CITIZENSHIP
While every resident is entitled to be registered, the registration authority needs to know a person’s citizenship to determine the elections at which they may vote.

(i) Irish citizens may vote at every election and referendum;
(ii) British citizens may vote at Dáil, European and local elections;
(iii) EU citizens (other than British citizens) may vote at European and local elections;
(iv) Non-EU citizens may vote at local elections.

D. TWO VERSIONS OF THE REGISTER
Since 2004, registration authorities are required to publish two versions of the register - the full register and the edited register.

The full register lists everyone who is entitled to vote and can only be used for an electoral or other statutory purpose.

EDITED REGISTER
The edited register contains the names and addresses of persons whose details can be used for a purpose other than an electoral or other statutory purpose e.g. for direct marketing use by a commercial or other organisation.

If any member(s) of the household do not want their details to be included on the edited register you should tick the relevant opt out box(es) in column (v) at part 3 of the form. If any household members went their registration details to be included (i.e. available for non-statutory use), you should leave the relevant opt out box(es) blank.

The person completing the form should check with any other household members as regards their intentions concerning appearing on the edited register. (See Note D).

OPT OUT BOX

Irish British Other Non-
EU EU