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By email to: [REDACTED]

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Thank you for your further enquiry about the collection and use of honorific, occupation, phone numbers, and email address.

The legal requirements for an application for registration to enrol are set out in [section 83 of the Electoral Act](#).

Under section 83, although the application must give the applicant the opportunity to state their honorific and occupation, the Act makes clear that occupation and honorific are not compulsory.

Honorific and occupation information are included in the enrolment update correspondence that electors receive by post prior to local and parliamentary elections. They have an opportunity to update this information. An elector's record is retained by the Electoral Commission in the election management system.

An elector's honorific is not printed on the electoral roll.

Occupation is printed on the electoral roll. Where the elector has not provided an occupation, NS is listed (not stated).

Email and phone number are requested as contact details on a paper enrolment form. These fields are optional.

However, for an online enrolment application, an email address and at least one contact telephone number are required as part of the online enrolment process. Any person that does not wish to provide these contact details is advised that they can use a paper form to enrol.

As noted in the privacy and security statement, the law requires the Electoral Commission to give lists of people who are enrolled to certain people and organisations on request including local councils, the Ministry of Justice, political parties, candidates and MPs, and state sector organisations for research. The information they are provided includes honorific and occupation.

Email and phone numbers are only used by the Electoral Commission for electoral purposes including for example confirming receipt of an application and contacting an applicant if there are any issues with their application or contacting an elector if correspondence sent by post comes back as undeliverable. Email and phone numbers are not made available to any other person or organisation without consent of the elector.

We regularly review our current privacy and security statement on our websites. Thank you for your feedback. We will look at whether further information should be added when it is next reviewed.

Yours sincerely



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