



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about the UC1 form.

The UC1 form is an important measure to ensure that EU citizens do not vote twice in the same election, both in the UK and in their EU state of origin.

The latest date in which an EU citizen can submit a UC1 form to register as an elector in the European Parliament elections is 12 working days before the date of the election. This is based on regulations contained within Representation of the People Act 1983, Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001, Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 2001, and Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2008. To change the 12 working day deadline would require changes to the legislation.

The rules governing the conduct of European Parliament elections provide for poll cards only to be sent to individuals who are registered to vote in the poll or an individual who has been appointed to vote as proxy for an elector. There is no provision for poll cards to be issued to any other individuals.

There has been no change to the process for EU nationals to register and declare to vote in the UK for these elections, which requires a two-step process that is set out on the Electoral Commission's website, council websites and on GOV. UK. As part of their remit, Electoral Registration Officers communicate with their EU electorate on how to do this.

Thank you for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris'.

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