



### FREEPOST Census 2021

We need your help to run the census, which gathers vital information to help plan services such as transport, education and healthcare.

**Everyone should complete the census on 21 March 2021 or as soon as possible after.**

If you prefer, you can complete the questionnaire online:

1. Go to [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)
2. Enter the individual access code on the front of this questionnaire.
3. Answer the questions and select submit.

**Thank you for taking part.**

Professor Sir Ian Diamond  
National Statistician

You must take part in the census by law. If you do not, or if you supply false information, you could be fined. Some questions are clearly labelled as being voluntary – it is not an offence if you do not answer these.

### Your information is protected by law.

Find out more in the leaflet that comes with this questionnaire.

### Complete online

[www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)

Your individual access code is:

**OR** fill in this paper questionnaire.

If your address is incorrect or missing, write in your correct address below:

Postcode

### Declaration

This questionnaire has been completed to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature

Date

If you have lost your envelope, please return your completed questionnaire to:

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### Where you can get help:

[www.census.gov.uk/help](http://www.census.gov.uk/help)

Contact Centre **0800 141 2021**

NGT (18001) **0800 141 2021**

Language helpline **0800 587 2021**

# Before you start

## Who should complete this questionnaire?

Everyone who has stayed, or intends to stay, in the United Kingdom for 3 months or more needs to be included on a census questionnaire.

This Individual Questionnaire is for:

- those living in a private household who have requested an Individual Questionnaire
- those who usually live in the UK and have stayed, or expect to stay, in a communal establishment (excluding prison) for 6 months or more
- those who usually live in the UK and are currently detained for 12 months or more
- those living or staying temporarily in a communal establishment who do not have another usual UK address

## What is a communal establishment?

A communal establishment is a place providing managed residential accommodation. "Managed" here means full-time or part-time supervision of the accommodation.

Examples of communal establishments include student halls of residence, boarding schools, armed forces bases, hospitals, care homes and prisons.

## How should I complete my questionnaire correctly?

You should:

- use black or blue ink to answer
- tick your answers within the box, like this:
- print in capital letters within the boxes, one letter per box, like this: 

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- correct any mistakes by filling in the box, like this: 

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 or this: 

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- continue onto the next line (if possible) when a word will not fit, like this: 

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- follow the **→ GO TO** instructions and leave any questions or pages you do not need to answer completely blank; any marks or lines can be mistaken for answers

**Remember to sign the Declaration on the front page before you return your completed questionnaire.**

## How do I return my completed questionnaire?

Put your completed and signed questionnaire into the prepaid envelope provided. If you've lost your prepaid envelope, you can use a plain envelope and write the below address on it.

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Then put it in the post.

If you live in a communal establishment, you may prefer to pass your completed and signed questionnaire in your envelope to your establishment manager. They can then return it on your behalf.

**All the personal information that you give us will be kept strictly confidential and will only be used for statistical purposes.**

# Start here

## A1 What type of accommodation is this?

- A communal establishment (for example, student hall of residence, boarding school, armed forces base, hospital, care home, prison)
- A private or family household → **GO TO** Individual questions on page 4

## A2 What is your position in this establishment?

↻ If you are answering on behalf of someone else, please record their position and not your own

- Resident (for example, student, member of armed forces, patient, detainee)
- Staff or owner
- Family member or partner of staff or owner
- Staying temporarily (no usual UK address)

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# Individual questions

**P** Are you answering these questions for yourself or for someone else?

- For myself
- For someone else – please ensure their details and not your own are inserted in this questionnaire

**1** What is your name?

First name

Middle name(s)

Last name

**2** What is your date of birth?

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**3** What is your sex?

➔ A question about gender identity will follow if you are aged 16 or over

- Female
- Male

**4** On 21 March 2021, what is your legal marital or registered civil partnership status?

- Never married and never registered a civil partnership ➔ **GO TO 6**
- Married
- In a registered civil partnership
- Separated, but still legally married
- Separated, but still legally in a civil partnership
- Divorced
- Formerly in a civil partnership which is now legally dissolved
- Widowed
- Surviving partner from a registered civil partnership

**5** Who is (was) your legal marriage or registered civil partnership to?

- Someone of the opposite sex
- Someone of the same sex

**6** Do you stay at another address for more than 30 days a year?

➔ These days could be in a row or separate

- No ➔ **GO TO 8**
- Yes, write in other UK address below

Postcode

- OR** yes, outside the UK, write in country

**7** What is that address?

- Armed forces base address
- Another address when working away from home
- Student's home address
- Student's term-time address
- Another parent or guardian's address
- Partner's address
- Holiday home
- Other

**8** Are you a schoolchild or student in full-time education?

- Yes
- No ➔ **GO TO 10**

**9** During term time, where do you usually live?

- At the address on the front of this questionnaire
- At the address in question 6 ➔ **GO TO 51**
- At another address ➔ **GO TO 51**

**10** What is your country of birth?

- England ➔ **GO TO 13**
- Wales ➔ **GO TO 13**
- Scotland ➔ **GO TO 13**
- Northern Ireland ➔ **GO TO 13**
- Republic of Ireland
- Elsewhere, write in current name of the country

# Individual questions – continued

**11** If you were not born in the United Kingdom, when did you most recently arrive to live here?

Do not count short visits away from the UK

Month   Year

If you arrived before 21 March 2020 → **GO TO 13**

If you arrived on or after 21 March 2020 → **GO TO 12**

**12** Including the time you have already spent here, how long do you intend to stay in the United Kingdom?

- Less than 12 months
- 12 months or more

**13** One year ago, what was your usual address?

If you had no usual address one year ago, state the address where you were staying

- The address on the front of this questionnaire
- Student term-time or boarding school address in the UK, write in term-time address below
- Another address in the UK, write in below

Postcode

**OR** outside the UK, write in country

**14** How would you describe your national identity?

Tick all that apply

- British
- English
- Welsh
- Scottish
- Northern Irish
- Other, write in

**15** What is your ethnic group?

Choose **one** section from A to E, then **tick one box** to best describe your ethnic group or background

## A White

- English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British
- Irish
- Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- Roma
- Any other White background, write in

## B Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups

- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian
- Any other Mixed or Multiple background, write in

## C Asian or Asian British

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Any other Asian background, write in

## D Black, Black British, Caribbean or African

- Caribbean
- African background, write in below
- Any other Black, Black British or Caribbean background, write in

## E Other ethnic group

- Arab
- Any other ethnic group, write in

## Individual questions – continued

**16** What is your religion?

➔ This question is **voluntary**

- No religion
- Christian (including Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations)
- Buddhist
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Sikh
- Any other religion, write in

**17** This question is intentionally left blank ➔ **GO TO 18**

**18** What is your main language?

- English ➔ **GO TO 20**
- Other, write in (including British Sign Language)

**19** How well can you speak English?

- Very well     Well     Not well     Not at all
- 

**20** What passports do you hold?

➔ Tick all that apply

- United Kingdom
- Ireland
- Other, write in

**OR** none

**21** How is your health in general?

- Very good     Good     Fair     Bad     Very bad
- 

**22** Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more?

- Yes
- No ➔ **GO TO 24**

**23** Do any of your conditions or illnesses reduce your ability to carry out day-to-day activities?

- Yes, a lot
- Yes, a little
- Not at all

**24** Do you look after, or give any help or support to, anyone because they have long-term physical or mental health conditions or illnesses, or problems related to old age?

➔ Exclude anything you do as part of your paid employment

- No
- Yes, 9 hours a week or less
- Yes, 10 to 19 hours a week
- Yes, 20 to 34 hours a week
- Yes, 35 to 49 hours a week
- Yes, 50 or more hours a week

**25** If you are aged 16 or over ➔ **GO TO 26**

If you are aged 15 or under ➔ **GO TO 51**

**26** Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?

➔ This question is **voluntary**

- Straight/Heterosexual
- Gay or Lesbian
- Bisexual
- Other sexual orientation, write in

**27** Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

➔ This question is **voluntary**

- Yes
- No, write in gender identity

## Individual questions – continued

**28** The next set of questions is about your qualifications.

- Record any qualifications you have ever achieved in England, Wales or worldwide, including equivalents, even if you are not using them now

**29** Have you completed an apprenticeship?

- For example, trade, advanced, foundation, modern

Yes  No

**30** Have you achieved a qualification at degree level or above?

- For example, degree, foundation degree, HND or HNC, NVQ level 4 and above, teaching or nursing

Yes  No

**31** Have you achieved any other qualifications?

- Tick all that apply

### GCSEs or equivalent

- 5 or more GCSEs (A\*–C, 9–4), O levels (passes) or CSEs (grade 1)
- Any other GCSEs, O levels or CSEs (any grades) or Basic Skills course

### AS, A level or equivalent

- 2 or more A levels, 4 or more AS levels
- 1 A level, 2–3 AS levels
- 1 AS level

### NVQ or equivalent

- NVQ level 3, BTEC National, OND or ONC, City and Guilds Advanced Craft
- NVQ level 2, BTEC General, City and Guilds Craft
- NVQ level 1

### OR other or no qualifications

- Any other qualifications, equivalent unknown
- No qualifications

**32** Have you **previously** served in the UK Armed Forces?

- **Current serving members** should only tick "no"

- Yes, previously served in **Regular** Armed Forces
- Yes, previously served in **Reserve** Armed Forces
- OR** no

**33** In the last seven days, were you doing any of the following?

- Tick all that apply
- Include casual or temporary work, even if only for one hour

- Working as an employee ➔ **GO TO 39**
- Self-employed or freelance ➔ **GO TO 39**
- Temporarily away from work ill, on holiday or temporarily laid off ➔ **GO TO 39**
- On maternity or paternity leave ➔ **GO TO 39**
- Doing any other kind of paid work ➔ **GO TO 39**
- OR** none of the above

**34** Which of the following describes what you were doing in the last seven days?

- Tick all that apply

- Retired (whether receiving a pension or not)
- Studying
- Looking after home or family
- Long-term sick or disabled
- Other

**35** In the last four weeks, were you actively looking for any kind of paid work?

- Yes
- No

**36** If a job became available now, could you start it within two weeks?

- Yes
- No

**37** In the last seven days, were you waiting to start a job already accepted?

- Yes
- No

**38** Have you ever done any paid work?

- Yes, in the last 12 months
- Yes, but not in the last 12 months
- No, have never worked ➔ **GO TO 51**

**39** Answer the remaining questions for your main job or, if not working, your last main job.

- Your main job is the job in which you usually work (worked) the most hours

# Individual questions – continued

**40** In your main job, what is (was) your employment status?

- Employee
- Self-employed or freelance without employees
- Self-employed with employees

**41** What is (was) the name of the organisation or business you work (worked) for?

➔ If you are (were) self-employed in your own business, write in your business name



- OR** no organisation or work (worked) for a private individual

**42** What is (was) your full job title?

➔ For example, RETAIL ASSISTANT, OFFICE CLEANER, DISTRICT NURSE, PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER

➔ Do not state your grade or pay band



**43** Briefly describe what you do (did) in your main job.



**44** What is (was) the main activity of your organisation, business or freelance work?

➔ For example, CLOTHING RETAIL, GENERAL HOSPITAL, PRIMARY EDUCATION, FOOD WHOLESALE

➔ If you are (were) a civil servant, write CIVIL SERVICE

➔ If you are (were) a local government officer, write LOCAL GOVERNMENT and give the name of your department within the local authority




**45** Do (did) you supervise or oversee the work of other employees on a day-to-day basis?

- Yes
- No

**46** If you had a job last week ➔ **GO TO 47**

If you were temporarily away from work last week ➔ **GO TO 47**

If you did not have a job last week ➔ **GO TO 51**

**47** In your main job, how many hours a week do you usually work?

➔ Include paid and unpaid overtime

- 0 to 15
- 16 to 30
- 31 to 48
- 49 or more

**48** How do you usually travel to work?

➔ Tick one box only for the longest part, **by distance**, of your usual journey to work

- Work mainly at or from home
- Underground, metro, light rail, tram
- Train
- Bus, minibus or coach
- Taxi
- Motorcycle, scooter or moped
- Driving a car or van
- Passenger in a car or van
- Bicycle
- On foot
- Other

**49** Where do you mainly work?

- At a workplace or report to a depot
- At or from home ➔ **GO TO 51**
- An offshore installation ➔ **GO TO 51**
- No fixed place ➔ **GO TO 51**

**50** What is the address of your workplace or depot?





Postcode

**51** There are no more questions.

➔ **GO TO** page 2 for instructions explaining how to return your questionnaire, then

➔ **GO TO** the **Declaration** on the front page