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The Representation of the People (Electoral Registration without Applications) (Pilot Scheme) (Wales) Regulations 2025

NODYN ESBONIADOL

(Nid yw'r nodyn hwn yn rhan o'r Rheoliadau)

Fel rhan o gyflwyno cofrestru etholiadol heb geisiadau, o dan y newidiadau a wnaed gan Ddeddf Etholiadau a Chyrff Etholedig (Cymru) 2024 ("Deddf 2024"), mae'r Rheoliadau hyn yn sefydlu cynllun peilot at ddibenion profi, mewn ardaloedd penodedig ac am gyfnod penodedig, sut y bydd y newidiadau a gyflwynwyd gan Bennod 2 o Ran 1 o Ddeddf 2024 (cofrestru etholiadol heb geisiadau) yn gweithio yn ymarferol.

Yn unol ag adran 72(5) o Ddeddf 2024, ni chaniateir cychwyn darpariaethau Pennod 2 o Ran 1 o'r Ddeddf honno nes bod darpariaeth beilota o fath a ddisgrifir yn adran 5(4) o'r Ddeddf honno wedi eu gwneud mewn Rheoliadau a bod adroddiad gan y Comisiwn Etholiadol ar weithrediad y Rheoliadau hynny wedi ei anfon at Weinidogion Cymru a'i osod gerbron Senedd Cymru.

Mae rheoliad 2 yn nodi'r ardaloedd y mae'r Rheoliadau hyn yn gymwys mewn perthynas â hwy.

Mae rheoliad 4 a pharagraff 1 o'r Atodlen yn addasu Deddf Cynrychiolaeth y Bobl 1983 fel ei bod yn cael effaith yn ystod y cyfnod penodedig (y darperir ar ei gyfer yn rheoliad 4(3)) fel pe bai adran 3 ac is-adrannau (1) i (6) ac (8) o adran 4 o Ddeddf 2024 mewn grym.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

As part of the introduction of electoral registration without applications, under the changes made by the Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Act 2024 ("the 2024 Act"), these Regulations establish a pilot scheme for the purposes of testing, in specified areas and for a specified period, how the changes brought in by Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the 2024 Act (electoral registration without applications) will work in practice.

In accordance with section 72(5) of the 2024 Act, the provisions of Chapter 2 of Part 1 of that Act may not be commenced until pilot provision of a kind described in section 5(4) of that Act have been made in Regulations and a report by the Electoral Commission into the operation of those Regulations has been sent to the Welsh Ministers and laid before Senedd Cymru.

Regulation 2 sets out the areas in relation to which these Regulations apply.

Regulation 4 and paragraph 1 of the Schedule modify the Representation of the People Act 1983 so that it has effect during the specified period (provided for in regulation 4(3)) as if section 3 and subsections (1) to (6) and (8) of section 4 of the 2024 Act were in force.

Mae rheoliad 5 yn pennu amcan y Rheoliadau peilot hyn fel sy'n ofynnol gan adran 6(1) o Ddeddf 2024.

Regulation 5 specifies the objective of these pilot Regulations as required by section 6(1) of the 2024 Act.

Mae rheoliad 6 yn pennu'r dyddiad cyn yr hwn y mae'n ofynnol i'r Comisiwn Etholiadol anfon copi o'i adroddiad ar y cynllun peilot o dan adrannau 6(1)(b) a 17(5)(a) o Ddeddf 2024 at Weinidogion Cymru.

Regulation 6 specifies the date before which the Electoral Commission is required to send a copy of its report on the pilot scheme under sections 6(1)(b) and 17(5)(a) of the 2024 Act to the Welsh Ministers.

Mae'r addasiadau yn golygu bod dyletswydd gofrestru newydd ar swyddogion cofrestru etholiadol i gofrestru etholwyr llywodraeth leol cymwys yng Nghymru heb y gofyniad am gais, ac i gymryd camau penodedig mewn perthynas â'r ddyletswydd hon, gan gynnwys gofyniad i hysbysu yn ysgrifenedig bersonau sydd i'w cofrestru, gan roi gwybod iddynt am y ddyletswydd newydd a'u hopsiynau mewn cysylltiad â hi.

The modifications result in there being a new registration duty on electoral registration officers to register eligible local government electors in Wales without the requirement for an application and to take specified steps in relation to this duty, including a requirement to notify in writing persons due to be registered, informing them of the new duty and their options with respect to it.

Bydd gan bersonau sy'n cael yr hysbysiad hwn gyfnod hysbysu o 60 o ddiwrnodau pryd y caniateir iddynt ddewis arfer yr hawl i optio allan o gofrestru heb geisiadau neu ystyried gwneud cais am gofrestriad dienw. Os nad yw person wedi dewis y naill neu'r llall o'r opsiynau hyn ar ddiwedd y cyfnod hwnnw ac os yw'n dal i fod â hawlogaeth i gael ei gofrestru, yna rhaid ei ychwanegu at y gofrestr.

Persons who receive this notice will have a 60-day notice period during which they may choose to exercise the right to opt out of registration without applications or to consider applying for anonymous registration. If at the end of that period a person has not taken either of these options and remains entitled to be registered then they must be added to the register.

Mae paragraffau 2 i 5 o'r Atodlen yn addasu Rheoliadau Cynrychiolaeth y Bobl (Cymru a Lloegr) 2001, i ragnodi camau ychwanegol y bydd yn ofynnol i swyddogion cofrestru etholiadol eu cymryd mewn cysylltiad â'r ddyletswydd gofrestru newydd. Mae hyn yn cynnwys ei gwneud yn ofynnol i ddatgelu gwybodaeth er mwyn penderfynu a yw person yn gymwys i gael ei gynnwys yn y gofrestr at ddibenion adran 9ZA.

Paragraphs 2 to 5 of the Schedule modify the Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001, to prescribe additional steps which electoral registration officers will be required to undertake in connection with the new registration duty. This includes requiring the disclosure of information to decide whether a person is eligible to be included in the register for the purpose of section 9ZA.

Mae Gweinidogion Cymru, wrth ddatblygu'r cynllun peilot hwn, wedi ymgynghori ag unrhyw randdeiliaid y maent yn ystyried eu bod yn briodol yn unol ag adran 6(5) o Ddeddf 2024, gan gynnwys y rheini y maent yn barnu eu bod yn cynrychioli grwpiau hyglwyf.

The Welsh Ministers have, in the development of this pilot scheme, consulted with such stakeholders as they consider appropriate in accordance with section 6(5) of the 2024 Act, including those they deem to represent vulnerable groups.

Asesiad Effaith Rheoleiddiol

Ystyriwyd Cod Ymarfer Gweinidogion Cymru ar gynnal Asesiadau Effaith Rheoleiddiol mewn perthynas â'r Rheoliadau hyn. O ganlyniad, lluniwyd asesiad effaith rheoleiddiol o'r costau a'r manteision sy'n debygol o ddeillio o gydymffurfio â'r Rheoliadau hyn. Gellir cael copi oddi wrth: Llywodraeth Cymru, Parc Cathays, Caerdydd, CF10 3NQ ac mae wedi ei gyhoeddi ar www.llyw.cymru.

Regulatory Impact Assessment

The Welsh Ministers' Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to these Regulations. As a result, a regulatory impact assessment has been prepared as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with these Regulations. A copy can be obtained from Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ and is published on www.gov.wales.

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CYNRYCHIOLAETH Y BOBL, CYMRU

Rheoliadau Cynrychiolaeth y Bobl (Cofrestru Etholiadol heb Geisiadau) (Cynllun Peilot) (Cymru) 2025

Gwnaed	*15 Ionawr 2025*
Yn dod i rym	*17 Ionawr 2025*

Mae Gweinidogion Cymru yn gwneud y Rheoliadau a ganlyn drwy arfer y pwerau a roddir iddynt gan adrannau 5(1), (4), (6), 6(1) ac 21 o Ddeddf Etholiadau a Chyrff Etholedig (Cymru) 2024(**1**).

Yn unol ag adran 6(5) o'r Ddeddf honno, mae Gweinidogion Cymru wedi ymgynghori ag unrhyw bersonau y maent yn ystyried eu bod yn briodol, yn benodol â'r rheini y maent yn barnu eu bod yn cynrychioli grwpiau hyglwyf.

Yn unol ag adran 7(4) o'r Ddeddf honno, gosodwyd drafft o'r offeryn hwn gerbron Senedd Cymru ac fe'i cymeradwywyd ganddi drwy benderfyniad.

Enwi a dod i rym

1.—(1) Enw'r Rheoliadau hyn yw Rheoliadau Cynrychiolaeth y Bobl (Cofrestru Etholiadol heb Geisiadau) (Cynllun Peilot) (Cymru) 2025.

(2) Daw'r Rheoliadau hyn i rym ar 17 Ionawr 2025.

(**1**) 2024 dsc 5. Mae adran 5(4) yn cyfeirio at "yr is-ddeddfwriaeth y caniateir ei gwneud yn rhinwedd [adrannau 3 a 4 o Ddeddf Etholiadau a Chyrff Etholedig (Cymru) 2024]". Mae'r pwerau i wneud is-ddeddfwriaeth y cyfeirir atynt yma wedi eu cynnwys yn adran 4(9) o Ddeddf 2024 sy'n gwneud ychwanegiadau amrywiol at y pwerau i wneud rheoliadau sydd ar gael yn Atodlen 2 i Ddeddf 1983. Mae pŵer ychwanegol i wneud rheoliadau, mewn cysylltiad â gwneud darpariaeth ynghylch "rhoi hysbysiad", yn adran 9ZA(6) fel y'i mewnosodir gan adran 3(2) o'r Ddeddf honno.

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REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE, WALES

The Representation of the People (Electoral Registration without Applications) (Pilot Scheme) (Wales) Regulations 2025

Made	*15 January 2025*
Coming into force	*17 January 2025*

The Welsh Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 5(1), (4), (6), 6(1) and 21 of the Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Act 2024(**1**).

In accordance with section 6(5) of that Act, the Welsh Ministers have consulted with such persons as they consider appropriate, in particular with those that they deem to represent vulnerable groups.

In accordance with section 7(4) of that Act, a draft of this instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, Senedd Cymru.

Title and coming into force

1.—(1) The title of these Regulations is the Representation of the People (Electoral Registration without Applications) (Pilot Scheme) (Wales) Regulations 2025.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 17 January 2025.

(**1**) 2024 asc 5. Section 5(4) refers to 'the subordinate legislation that may be made by virtue of [sections 3 and 4 of the Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Act 2024]'. The subordinate legislation making powers referred to here are contained in section 4(9) of the 2024 Act which makes various additions to the regulation making powers available in Schedule 2 to the 1983 Act. An additional regulation making power with respect to making provision about 'giving notice' is in section 9ZA(6) as inserted by section 3(2) of that Act.

Cymhwyso

2. Nid yw'r Rheoliadau hyn ond yn gymwys mewn perthynas ag—

(a) Cyngor Dinas Casnewydd a Chyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Casnewydd;

(b) Cyngor Sir Powys;

(c) Cyngor Gwynedd(**1**).

Dehongli

3. Yn y Rheoliadau hyn—

ystyr "ardaloedd penodedig" ("*specified areas*") yw'r ardaloedd y cyfeirir atynt yn rheoliad 2;

mae i "cyfnod penodedig" ("*specified period*") yr ystyr a roddir yn rheoliad 4(3);

ystyr "Deddf 1983" ("*the 1983 Act*") yw Deddf Cynrychiolaeth y Bobl 1983(**2**);

ystyr "Deddf 2024" ("*the 2024 Act*") yw Deddf Etholiadau a Chyrff Etholedig (Cymru) 2024;

ystyr "Rheoliadau 2001" ("*the 2001 Regulations*") yw Rheoliadau Cynrychiolaeth y Bobl (Cymru a Lloegr) 2001(**3**).

Y darpariaethau sydd i'w peilota ar gyfer y cyfnod penodedig

4.—(1) Mae'r Rheoliadau hyn yn darparu ar gyfer peilota newidiadau i ddeddfwriaeth a ddeddfir gan (neu sydd i'w gwneud o dan) Bennod 2 o Ran 1 o Ddeddf 2024 (cofrestru etholiadol heb geisiadau) nad ydynt wedi eu dwyn i rym eto.

(2) At y diben hwn, mae'r addasiadau i ddeddfiadau yn yr Atodlen yn cael effaith yn ystod y cyfnod penodedig.

(3) Mae'r cyfnod penodedig yn dechrau pan ddaw'r Rheoliadau hyn i rym ac yn dod i ben â 30 Medi 2025.

Application

2. These Regulations apply only in relation to—

(a) Newport City and County Borough Council;

(b) Powys County Council;

(c) Gwynedd Council(**1**).

Interpretation

3. In these Regulations—

"the 1983 Act" ("*Deddf 1983*") means the Representation of the People Act 1983(**2**);

"the 2001 Regulations" ("*Rheoliadau 2001*") means the Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001(**3**);

"the 2024 Act" ("*Deddf 2024*") means the Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Act 2024;

"specified areas" ("*ardaloedd penodedig*") means the areas referred to regulation 2;

"specified period" ("*cyfnod penodedig*") has the meaning given in regulation 4(3).

Provisions to be piloted for the specified period

4.—(1) These Regulations provide for a pilot of changes to legislation enacted by (or to be made under) Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the 2024 Act (electoral registration without applications) that have not yet been brought into force.

(2) For this purpose, the modifications of enactments in the Schedule have effect during the specified period.

(3) The specified period begins when these Regulations come into force and ends with 30 September 2025.

(**1**) Sefydlwyd y sir gyda'r enw Sir Gaernarfon a Meirionnydd gan Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972 (p. 70), adran 20 a Rhan 1 o Atodlen 4 (fel y'i diwygiwyd gan Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol Cymru 1994 (p. 19)). Newidiwyd enw'r sir i Wynedd yn unol â Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972, adran 74.

(**2**) 1983 p. 2. Y diwygiadau perthnasol yw: Deddf Cynrychiolaeth y Bobl 2000 (p. 2), Atodlen 1, paragraffau 1, 3 a 6; Deddf Gweinyddu Etholiadol 2006 (p. 22), adran 11(1) a (3); Deddf Cofrestru a Gweinyddu Etholiadol 2013 (p. 6), adrannau 5(1) ac 16(3) ac Atodlen 4, paragraffau 1, 12, 13 a 18; Deddf Etholiadau a Chyrff Etholedig (Cymru) 2024 (dsc 5), adrannau 3 a 4.

(**3**) O.S. 2001/341. Y diwygiadau perthnasol yw: Rheoliadau Cynrychiolaeth y Bobl (Cymru a Lloegr) (Diwygio) 2002 (O.S. 2002/1871), rheoliad 15; Rheoliadau Cynrychiolaeth y Bobl (Cymru a Lloegr) (Diwygio) 2014 (O.S. 2014/1234), rheoliadau 2 a 3; Rheoliadau Cynrychiolaeth y Bobl (Cymru a Lloegr) (Diwygio Rhif 2) 2014 (O.S. 2014/3161), rheoliad 6.

(**1**) The county was established with the name Caernarfonshire and Merionethshire by the Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70), section 20 and Part 1 of Schedule 4 (as amended by the Local Government Wales Act 1994 (c. 19)). The name of the county was changed to Gwynedd in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, section 74.

(**2**) 1983 c. 2. Relevant amendments are: the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c. 2), Schedule 1, paragraphs 1, 3 and 6; the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22), section 11(1) and (3); the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c. 6), sections 5(1) and 16(3) and Schedule 4, paragraphs 1, 12, 13 and 18; the Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Act 2024 (asc 5), sections 3 and 4.

(**3**) S.I. 2001/341. Relevant amendments are: the Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/1871), regulation 15; the Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 2014/1234), regulations 2 and 3; the Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 2014/3161), regulation 6.

Amcan y peilot

5. Amcan y peilot, at ddibenion adrannau 6(1)(a) a 17(2)(c) o Ddeddf 2024, yw profi sut y mae'r newidiadau i'r ddeddfwriaeth yn gweithio yn ymarferol gyda'r bwriad o nodi—

(a) newidiadau angenrheidiol neu ddymunol i effaith y darpariaethau deddfwriaethol sy'n llywodraethu'r peilot, a

(b) unrhyw argymhellion ar gyfer gweinyddu'r ddeddfwriaeth.

Y dyddiad penodedig ar gyfer adroddiad y Comisiwn Etholiadol ar y cynllun peilot

6. Y dyddiad penodedig at ddibenion adrannau 6(1)(b) a 17(5)(a) o Ddeddf 2024 (y dyddiad cyn yr hwn y mae rhaid i'r Comisiwn Etholiadol anfon ei adroddiad) yw 1 Ionawr 2026.

Darpariaeth arbed ar ôl diwedd y cyfnod penodedig

7.—(1) Mae addasiadau i ddeddfiadau y darperir ar eu cyfer yn yr Atodlen i'r Rheoliadau hyn yn parhau i gael effaith ar ôl y cyfnod penodedig mewn perthynas â chofrestru person y rhoddir hysbysiad cofrestru iddo yn unol ag adran 9ZA(3) o Ddeddf 1983 cyn diwedd y cyfnod penodedig, os yw un o'r amodau ym mharagraff (2) yn gymwys mewn perthynas â'r hysbysiad.

(2) Mae'r amodau fel a ganlyn—

(a) nid yw'r cyfnod hysbysu o dan adran 9ZA(4) o Ddeddf 1983 wedi dod i ben cyn diwedd y cyfnod penodedig, neu

(b) mae'r cyfnod hysbysu wedi dod i ben cyn diwedd y cyfnod penodedig ond nid yw'r swyddog cofrestru wedi cyflawni'r ddyletswydd eto o dan adran 9ZA(5) o Ddeddf 1983.

(3) Mae'r cyfeiriadau at Ddeddf 1983 ym mharagraffau (1) a (2) yn gyfeiriadau at Ddeddf 1983 fel y'i haddaswyd gan yr Atodlen i'r Rheoliadau hyn.

(4) Mae'r addasiadau i ddeddfiadau y darperir ar eu cyfer ym mharagraff 1 o'r Atodlen i'r Rheoliadau hyn yn parhau i gael effaith ar ôl y cyfnod penodedig mewn perthynas â chofrestru person a gofrestrir—

(a) yn ystod y cyfnod penodedig, neu

(b) ar ôl y cyfnod penodedig yn rhinwedd paragraffau (1) a (2).

Pilot objective

5. The objective of the pilot, for the purposes of sections 6(1)(a) and 17(2)(c) of the 2024 Act, is to test how the changes to the legislation work in practice with a view to identifying—

(a) necessary or desirable changes to the effect of the legislative provisions governing the pilot, and

(b) any recommendations for the administration of the legislation.

Specified date for the Electoral Commission report on the pilot scheme

6. The specified date for the purposes of sections 6(1)(b) and 17(5)(a) of the 2024 Act (date before which the Electoral Commission must send its report) is 1 January 2026.

Savings provision following end of the specified period

7.—(1) The modifications of enactments provided for in the Schedule to these Regulations continue to have effect after the specified period in relation to the registration of a person to whom a notice of registration in accordance with section 9ZA(3) of the 1983 Act is given before the end of the specified period, if one of the conditions in paragraph (2) applies in relation to the notice.

(2) The conditions are that—

(a) the notice period under section 9ZA(4) of the 1983 Act has not expired before the end of the specified period, or

(b) the notice period has expired before the end of the specified period but the registration officer has not yet discharged the duty under section 9ZA(5) of the 1983 Act.

(3) The references to the 1983 Act in paragraphs (1) and (2) are references to the 1983 Act as modified by the Schedule to these Regulations.

(4) The modifications of enactments provided for in paragraph 1 of the Schedule to these Regulations continue to have effect after the specified period in relation to the registration of a person who is registered—

(a) during the specified period, or

(b) after the specified period by virtue of paragraphs (1) and (2).

Jayne Bryant

Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Lywodraeth Leol a Thai, un o Weinidogion Cymru
15 Ionawr 2025

Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government, one of the Welsh Ministers
15 January 2025

YR ATODLEN Rheoliad 4

Addasiadau i Ddeddfiadau

Addasu Deddf Cynrychiolaeth y Bobl 1983

1. Mae Deddf 1983 yn cael effaith fel pe bai'r darpariaethau a ganlyn o Ddeddf 2024 mewn grym—

(a) adran 3, a

(b) is-adrannau (1) i (6) ac (8) o adran 4.

Addasu Rheoliadau Cynrychiolaeth y Bobl (Cymru a Lloegr) 2001

2. Mae Rheoliadau 2001 yn cael effaith gyda'r addasiadau a ganlyn.

3. Mae rheoliad 32 (apelau cofrestru) i gael effaith fel pe bai ", (azaa)" wedi ei fewnosod ar ôl "(aa)" ym mharagraff (1).

4. Mae Rheoliadau 2001 yn cael effaith fel pe bai'r canlynol wedi ei fewnosod ar ôl rheoliad 37—

"*Registration without application*

Identification of unregistered electors

37A.—(1) In connection with the duty under section 9ZA of the 1983 Act (duty to register eligible local government electors without applications),a registration officer must, in relation to the area for which the officer is responsible, take the steps the officer considers necessary to identify the names and addresses of persons not registered in the register of local government electors maintained by the officer.

(2) However, the officer must, a minimum of four times in a calendar year, inspect any records held by any person which the registration officer is permitted to inspect under, or by virtue of, any enactment, including the use of the data sources available to them by virtue of regulations 35 and 35A.

(3) Other steps that may be taken to identify unregistered persons include—

(a) sending paper communications to the addresses of unregistered persons;

(b) visiting the addresses of unregistered persons;

SCHEDULE Regulation 4

Modifications to Enactments

Modification of the Representation of the People Act 1983

1. The 1983 Act has effect as if the following provisions of the 2024 Act were in force—

(a) section 3, and

(b) subsections (1) to (6) and (8) of section 4.

Modification of the Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001

2. The 2001 Regulations have effect with the following modifications.

3. Regulation 32 (registration appeals) is to have effect as if in paragraph (1) after "(aa)" there was inserted ", (azaa)".

4. The 2001 Regulations have effect as if after regulation 37 there was inserted—

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(3) Other steps that may be taken to identify unregistered persons include—

(a) sending paper communications to the addresses of unregistered persons;

(b) visiting the addresses of unregistered persons;

(c) where the registration officer holds a telephone number for a person aged 18 or over, whom the registration officer believes is unregistered but entitled to be registered, the making of a telephone call to that person; or

(d) sending electronic communications to unregistered persons.

(4) For the purposes of this regulation a registration officer may rely on as many sources of data as the officer considers sufficient for the purposes of identifying an unregistered elector.

(5) Before giving notice under section 9ZA(3), a registration officer must be able to locate matching data from at least two sources which identify the unregistered elector (but see paragraph 7).

(6) In this regulation "matching data" includes in relation to the person—

(a) the person's full name;

(b) where held by the registration officer, the person's date of birth;

(c) the address, including postcode of the property at which the person is residing;

(d) where held by the registration officer, the unique property reference number of the property at which the person is residing;

(e) any other information held by the registration officer which relates to the person's potential entry in the register.

(7) Paragraph 5 does not apply and the registration officer may give the notice of registration in accordance with section 9A(3) without the need for matching data if—

(a) there is information available to the registration officer from any education record relating to the person, and

(b) that information is sufficient to satisfy the registration officer as to the person's identity and entitlement to be registered.

Processing of information provided or accessed in connection with registration under section 9ZA

37B.—(1) If a person is required to provide an original document under regulation 37A the registration officer must make a copy of that document and return the original document to the person who provided it.

(c) where the registration officer holds a telephone number for a person aged 18 or over, whom the registration officer believes is unregistered but entitled to be registered, the making of a telephone call to that person; or

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(b) that information is sufficient to satisfy the registration officer as to the person's identity and entitlement to be registered.

Processing of information provided or accessed in connection with registration under section 9ZA

37B.—(1) If a person is required to provide an original document under regulation 37A the registration officer must make a copy of that document and return the original document to the person who provided it.

(2) Information disclosed under regulation 37A may not be disclosed to any other person, except—

(a) for the purpose of determining the persons entitlement to be registered under section 9ZA;

(b) for the purpose of any civil or criminal proceedings.

(3) A person who discloses information in breach of paragraph 2 is guilty of an offence and liable—

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(c) a statement that, if the person is not entitled to be registered, that person must, before the end of the notice period inform the registration officer of that fact;

(d) a request that any other person who receives the notice who is resident at the address to which the notice is addressed inform the registration officer if the person to whom the notice is addressed is not resident at that address;

(e) the date of the last day of the notice period, and

(f) the registration officer's contact details.

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(**1**) Regulation 93 was inserted by S.I. 2002/1871, regulation 15. Paragraph (2A) was inserted by S.I. 2006/2910, regulation 23. There are other amendments to regulation 93 which are not relevant.

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