



Scotland's Census 2022 is here!

This easy-read guide tells you about Scotland's Census and how to complete the important survey.







The Census is a survey that happens every 10 years to collect information about people living in Scotland.

The survey asks some questions about:



You



• Where you live



Where you work or if you work

This is called a Census. Your answers are very important.





Your answers help organisations to decide how best to run services in your community.

Services such as:



Hospitals



• Council services that help you and the area you live in



Police



Schools



The next Census in Scotland is happening

Sunday 20th March 2022.



Who should complete the Census form?



Everybody needs to fill in the Census.

1 person in your house can complete it for everyone, or you can fill it in yourself.

If 1 person completes it for everyone they must either:



Own the home or pay the rent



 Live in the home and pay the bills - such as gas, electricity and water bills



 Be a paid Support Worker or carer for people who live in the house







You will get a letter in the post.



As soon as you get the letter you can complete the Census.



The Census will ask you to tell them who is staying at your home on Sunday 20th March 2022.



You should include people who usually live there, even if they are away from home on that day.



If someone is staying overnight you can add them as a visitor.

Important





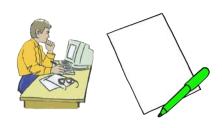
The law says you must fill in the Census form.



If you **don't** complete it you **may have to** pay a fine.



How to fill in your Census form



You can complete the form online or you can fill in a paper form.



If you would like a paper form, you must go to this website address

www.census.gov.scot/request/paper



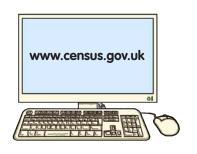
You will get a letter with a code on it. It is called your **Internet Access Code.**



You need this code to fill in the Census. You should keep it safe and only share it with people you trust.



How to fill in the Census online



Go to this website address

www.census.gov.scot



Type your **Internet Access Code** in the box.



Answer the Census questions.

The questions are not in easy-read, so you can ask someone to support you. This should be a person you trust, like a friend, family member or your Support Workers.



You do not have to answer all the questions at once.



You can save your answers and finish it later or do a little bit at a time.



When you have answered all the questions click submit.



How to fill in the Census

If you need help to fill in the Census you can:



Ask someone you trust to help you fill it in.





If you have any questions or need help, then please contact the Census team.



Website:

www.census.gov.scot



Phone: 0800 030 8308

It is free to call.



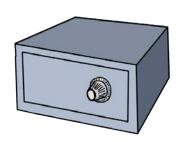
If you have a hearing or speech problem you can use a Text Relay service: (18001) 0800 030 8308



If you need information in another language telephone: **0800 030 8308**



The information you share is safe



Census will keep any personal information confidential and safe for 100 years.



This means they will not share it with anyone else.



Look at their website to find out how they look after personal information.

Website:

www.census.gov.scot/your-privacy