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The law regarding the Donor Register changed on 1 July 2020. In the new Donor Register, you will be able to state whether or not you wish your organs and body tissues to be given to a patient after your death. This could include your kidney, lungs or skin. If you do not register a choice, 'No objections to organ donation' will be noted next to your name in the Register. This means that your organs may be given to a patient after your death. You can change your choice at any time.

It is important to register your choice and discuss this with your partner or family. That way, they will know which choice you have registered in the Donor Register in the event of your death. That will make things easier for your partner, family or friend at the hospital.

Can anybody donate organs and tissues?

Not everyone can donate organs or tissues after they die. When you die, the doctor will check which organs or tissues can still be used for somebody else. However, everyone is asked to enter a choice in the Donor Register. This applies even if you are elderly, ill or have been ill, or are taking medicines. Everybody should register their choice. That way, your partner and family will know whether or not you wish to become a donor.

Have you already entered a choice?

Then your choice is already registered in the Donor Register. You can view this choice for yourself at any time in the Donor Register. If you wish to change your choice, you can do this at any time by registering a different choice.

The four options in the Donor Register.

You can choose one option. Whichever option you choose, you can always change this at a later point in time.



Yes, I want to become a donor

You want to be a donor. You can choose which organs and tissues you wish to donate.



No, I do not want to become a donor

You do not want to be a donor.



My partner or family will decide

You want your partner or family to decide on your behalf after your death.



I designate a person to make this choice on my behalf

You want someone else to decide for you after your death. You should let this person know that you have designated them.

How do you enter a choice?

There are two ways of registering your choice:

1. Online, at donorregister.nl

Step 1 Go to www.donorregister.nl and click on 'Vul uw keuze in'.

Step 2 Log in with your DigiD.

Step 3 Complete the form.

Step 4 The choice that you enter will take effect immediately.

2. Use the printed form

Step 1 Collect the correct form from your local municipality, or request one from the Donor Register.

Step 2 Complete the form.

Step 3 Sign the form.

Step 4 Send the form by post (no stamp required).
The address is on the form.

Step 5 You will receive a letter confirming your choice a few weeks later. Your choice will take effect four weeks after the date of this letter.

What happens when someone becomes an organ donor?

Organ donation is only possible when someone dies in a hospital. People who die at home can only donate body tissues. If a patient can no longer recover, the doctors will discuss this with the family.

Organs and tissues are only removed when doctors are absolutely sure that the patient is dead. Death is determined according to strict rules. Several doctors are involved in this.



What happens if you do not register a choice?

The law regarding the Donor Register changed on 1 July 2020. Everyone aged 18 and older can now make a choice and record that choice in the Donor Register. If you have not yet made a choice, you will receive a letter asking you to register a choice. A form will be sent along with the letter, so that you can fill in your choice.

If you do not register a choice after receiving this letter, you will receive another letter six weeks later. You will be asked again to register your choice in the Donor Register.

If you still do not make a choice after receiving this second letter, the Donor Register will state that you have **no objection** to donating your organs. This means that your organs may be given to a patient after your death. A doctor will discuss this with your partner or family first. If your family members know for certain that you did not want to become a donor and can explain why to the doctor, then you will not become a donor.



Do you have any further questions?

We understand that you will want to think carefully about this decision. We are more than happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Would you like to speak to someone?

› Please call us on 0900-821-2166 (regular call rate)

Would you like to know more about how to register your choice?

› Visit the website: www.donorregister.nl

Would you like more information about donating organs and tissues?

› Visit the website: www.transplantatiestichting.nl