



# Application to vote by proxy in Scotland based on disability

## 4A Proxy vote for Scottish Parliament and council elections

### Who do you want to be your proxy?

Full name

Family relationship (if any)

Full address

  


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Postcode

Email or phone number (optional)

### How long do you want a proxy vote for?

I want to vote by proxy (tick one box only):

until further notice (permanent proxy vote)

for the Scottish Parliament/council elections to be held on

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## 4B Proxy vote for UK Parliament elections

### Your National Insurance number

Please tell us your National Insurance number below. You can find this on your payslip, P60, or on letters about tax, pensions or benefits.

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If you cannot provide a National Insurance number, please tell us why. You can still submit this form and someone will contact you. It may take longer to process your application.

  


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### Who do you want to be your proxy?

Full name

Full address

  


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Postcode

Email or phone number (optional)

### How long do you want a proxy vote for?

I want to vote by proxy (tick one box only):

until further notice (permanent proxy vote)

for the UK Parliament elections to be held on

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## 5 Your date of birth and declaration

**Declaration:** I have asked the person(s) I have named to be my proxy and confirm that they are willing and capable to be appointed to vote on my behalf.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the details on this form are true and accurate.

I understand that to provide false information on this form is an offence, punishable on conviction by imprisonment of up to two years and/or a fine.

**Date of birth:** Please write your date of birth in the boxes below using black ink.

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**Signature:** Sign below using black ink, keeping within the grey border.

If you are unable to sign this form, please contact your local electoral registration office.

## 6 Date of application

Today's date

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## 7 Support for this application

Read the notes to see who can support this application. Please complete either 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D or 7E:

Complete **7A** if you are giving care and/or treating the disability detailed in the application, and are:

- a registered medical practitioner (including a dentist, optician, pharmacist, osteopath, chiropractor or psychologist)
- a registered nurse
- a registered health professional

Complete **7B** if you are giving care, treatment and/or have arranged care or assistance in respect of the disability detailed in the application and are:

- a registered social worker

Complete **7C** if you are:

- a person registered as running a residential care home
- the warden of premises provided for people of pensionable age or disabled persons

Complete **7D** if you are:

- the manager, or their representative, at the registered hospital at which the applicant is being treated.

Complete **7E** if you are supporting the application for an applicant detained in hospital, and are:

- the manager, or their authorised representative, at the registered hospital at which the applicant is detained.

**The application does not need to be supported if Part 2B or 2C applies.**





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## 7E If you are the manager or authorised representative of the hospital at which the applicant is detained

Supporter's full name

Phone number (optional)

Email (optional)

Supporter's position at the hospital where the applicant is detained

The statutory provision under which the applicant is detained

### Declaration:

- I am authorised to support this application
- To the best of my knowledge and belief:
  - the applicant has the disability specified in the application and cannot reasonably be expected to go to their polling station on polling day or to vote there unaided due to that disability.
  - the disability specified in the application is likely to continue indefinitely or until:

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Y	Y	Y	Y

Supporter's signature

Today's date

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## Voting by proxy

Proxy voting means that if you cannot vote in person, you can have someone you trust vote on your behalf.

You can use this form to apply to vote by proxy if you have a disability and cannot vote in person.

You can also use this form if you have been detained in a hospital under the civil sections of the Mental Health Act 1983 or the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003.

This form applies only in Scotland.

To vote by proxy, both you and your proxy must be registered and eligible to vote.

The rules about who can be a proxy are different depending on the type of election you want to vote in:

### For Scottish Parliament and council elections:

- A proxy can vote for close relatives and up to two other people at an election. Close relatives are the spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild of the applicant.

### For UK Parliament elections:

- A proxy can vote for a maximum of 4 people. No more than 2 of those people can be domestic electors. Domestic electors are voters who are neither overseas voters nor service voters. UK Parliament elections include UK Parliamentary general elections, by-elections, and recall petitions.

For more information on proxy voting and other ways to apply, visit [electoralcommission.co.uk/proxyvote](https://electoralcommission.co.uk/proxyvote).

## How do I apply to vote by proxy?

- Ask someone who is willing and capable to be your proxy and vote on your behalf.
- Fill in the proxy vote application form. You must give a reason why you need to vote by proxy and may need a qualified person to support your application. See notes for information on who can support your application.
- Make sure all required sections of the form are complete and provide your date of birth and signature. This information is needed to prevent fraud. If you are unable to sign this form, please contact your local electoral registration office. Contact details can be found at the end of this form.
- If your application has missing or incorrect information, your local electoral registration office will contact you. You may need to provide supporting documents and it may take longer to process your application.
- **Return your form to your local electoral registration office.** You can find address details at the end of this form.

When applying for a new proxy vote, you must return your application form by **5pm, 6 working days before the poll**.

When changing or cancelling an existing postal, proxy or postal proxy vote, you must return your application form by **5pm, 11 working days before the poll**.

If you are not already registered to vote, you must apply to register before applying for a proxy vote. The deadline to register to vote is **midnight, 12 working days before the poll**. Register to vote online at [gov.uk/register-to-vote](https://gov.uk/register-to-vote).

## What happens after I have returned this form?

- Your local electoral registration office will confirm if your application has been accepted or rejected.
- Your proxy will be sent a proxy polling card, telling them where and when to vote on your behalf.
- You must let your proxy know how you want them to vote on your behalf, for example, which candidate, party or outcome.
- Your proxy must go to your polling station to vote on your behalf. If your proxy cannot go to the polling station, they can apply to vote on your behalf by post. They can apply to do this until **5pm, 11 working days before the poll**. They can contact your local electoral registration office for more details and to request a postal vote application form. For contact details, go to [electoralcommission.org.uk/voter](https://electoralcommission.org.uk/voter).

If you are unable to go to the polling station on polling day, you can vote in person as long as your proxy has not already done so or has not applied to vote on your behalf by post.

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## Who can support my application?

If they are giving care or treating you for the disability your application can be supported by:

- a registered medical practitioner (includes dentist, optician, pharmacist, osteopath, chiropractor or psychologist)
- a registered nurse
- a registered health professional.

If they are giving care, treating you, or have arranged care or assistance in respect of the disability your application can be supported by:

- a registered social worker.

Alternatively your application can be supported by:

- the manager, or their authorised representative, at the registered hospital where you are being treated
- the person registered as running the residential care home you live in
- the warden of the premises you live in that are provided for people of pensionable age or disabled persons.

If you are registered blind by a local authority and your application is based on your blindness, you do not need to have your application supported. You must complete part 2B.

If you are in receipt of a benefit payment (listed below) because of the disability specified in the application, then you do not need to have your application supported. You must complete part 2C.

Benefit payments include:

- a higher rate of the mobility component of a disability living allowance
- the enhanced rate of the mobility component of the personal independence payment
- an armed forces independence payment

If you have been detained in hospital under the civil sections of the Mental Health Act 1983 or the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003, you must complete part 2D.

Your application must be supported by:

- the manager of the registered hospital at which you are detained, or their authorised representative.

## Privacy statement

We collect information under the legal basis of a task carried out in the public interest, as set out in the Representation of the People Act 1983 and related regulations. We will look after personal information securely and follow data protection legislation.

If you opted out of the open register, we will only use the information you give us for electoral purposes, including matching it against other sources of data to support the electoral register. We will not give personal information to anyone else unless we have to by law. The law requires us to share your information with candidates, political parties and campaigners for democratic engagement purposes and credit reference agencies to check your identity when you apply for credit.

If you have not opted out of the open register your name and address can be bought by anyone and used for lots of purposes, including direct marketing.

The Electoral Registration Officer is the Controller. For further information relating to the processing of personal data you should refer to the privacy notice on our website [www.saa.gov.uk/h-wi-vjb](http://www.saa.gov.uk/h-wi-vjb)



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## More Information

If you have any questions about voting by post, go to [www.electoralcommission.org.uk](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk) or contact your local electoral registration office below.

The Electoral Registration Officer:

Moray House  
16-18 Bank Street  
INVERNESS  
IV1 1QY  
Tel: 01463 575395  
Freephone: 0800 393 783

3A Bridge Street  
WICK  
Caithness  
KW1 4AG  
01463 575395  
0800 393 783

42 Point Street  
STORNOWAY  
Isle of Lewis  
HS1 2XF  
01851 619179  
0800 393 783

Email: [ero@highland.gov.uk](mailto:ero@highland.gov.uk)

Website: [www.saa.gov.uk/h-wi-vjb](http://www.saa.gov.uk/h-wi-vjb)

To return your completed application form, you can scan and send it to: [absentvote@highland.gov.uk](mailto:absentvote@highland.gov.uk)

Alternatively, you can return your completed application form by post to your local electoral registration office (see address details above).