

Application to vote by proxy in Scotland for anonymous electors

Only one person can apply to vote by proxy using this form

Please write in black ink and use CAPITAL LETTERS. When you have completed the form, send it to your local electoral registration office. Address information can be found at the end of this form.

1 About you

Surname

First name(s) (in full)

Your address (where you are registered to vote)

Postcode

Phone number (optional)

Email (optional)

Providing an email and phone number gives a quick and easy way to contact you about your application.

2 Which type of elections do you want a proxy vote for?

I want a proxy vote for (tick any boxes that apply below):

- Scottish Parliament and council elections
- UK Parliament elections

If you are applying for a proxy vote for Scottish Parliament and council elections, fill out **section 2A**.

If you are applying for a proxy vote for UK Parliament elections, fill out **section 2B**.

If you are applying for a proxy vote for all elections, fill out **both section 2A and 2B**.

The rules about who can act as your proxy are different depending on the type of election you want to vote in. Please ensure you have read the notes before filling out the rest of this form.

When you have completed the relevant sections, continue to section 3.

2A Proxy vote Scottish Parliament and council elections

Who do you want to be your proxy?

Full name

Family relationship (if any)

Full address

Postcode

Email or telephone no. (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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- for the period

from

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to

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2B 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

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Full address

Postcode

Email or telephone no. (optional)

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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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for the period

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to

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3 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.

As far as I know, 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.

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

4 Date of application

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 are registered to vote, or have applied to be registered, as an anonymous elector. To vote by proxy, both you and your proxy must be registered and eligible to vote.

This form applies only in Scotland.

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.

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 want to vote by proxy. You must get someone to support your application. See notes below on who can support the 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. Your local electoral registration office can provide you with a voter registration form. For more information about anonymous registration, speak to your local electoral registration office.

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 poll 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.

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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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

More Information

If you have any questions about voting by post, go to www.electoralcommission.org.uk or contact your local electoral registration office below.

The Electoral Registration Officer:

Moray House	3A Bridge Street	42 Point Street
16-18 Bank Street	WICK	STORNOWAY
INVERNESS	Caithness	Isle of Lewis
IV1 1QY	KW1 4AG	HS1 2XF
Tel: 01463 575395	01463 575395	01851 619179
Freephone: 0800 393 783	0800 393 783	0800 393 783

Email: ero@highland.gov.uk

Website: www.saa.gov.uk/h-wi-vjb

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

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