



# Application to vote by post in UK Parliament elections in Scotland

## Voting by post

This form applies only in Scotland.

You must be eligible to vote, and registered, to get a postal vote.

You can use this form to apply to vote by post in UK Parliament elections.

UK Parliament elections include UK Parliamentary general elections, by-elections, and recall petitions. You can apply to vote by post for a particular election, for a set period of time, or for a maximum period of three years.

Your local electoral registration office will confirm the duration of your postal vote. When your postal vote expires, you will need to apply for a new one to continue voting by post.

**You will need to use a different form to apply for a postal vote in Scottish Parliament and council elections.**

For more information on postal voting and other ways to apply, visit [electoralcommission.co.uk/postalvote](http://electoralcommission.co.uk/postalvote).

Postal votes can be sent to addresses in the UK and abroad.

## How do I apply to vote by post?

- Fill in the postal vote application form.
- Make sure you complete all required sections of the form 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.

The deadline for returning your postal vote application is **5pm, 11 working days before the poll.**

If you are not registered to vote, you must apply to register before applying for a postal 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](http://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.
- When an election is going to be held, your ballot paper will be sent to you in the post.  
For more information on the delivery of the postal ballot pack, you can contact your local elections office.
- Your postal ballot pack will contain instructions for voting by post and returning your postal vote.
- Make sure you return your postal vote so that it arrives by the deadline, otherwise it will not be counted.

## 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:

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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).