

Application to vote by proxy at a particular election or referendum

FOR OFFICE USE

Polling District:

Elector No:

UPRN:

Only one person can apply to vote by proxy using this form. Please write in **black ink** and use **BLOCK LETTERS**. When you have completed every section and signed the form yourself, return it to your local electoral registration office (see back page for address details).

1 About you

Surname

First name(s) (in full)

Your address (where you are registered to vote)

Postcode

Telephone or mobile number (optional)

Email address (optional)

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

2 About your proxy (the person you have chosen to vote on your behalf)

Full name

Family relationship (if any)

Full address

Postcode

Email address or telephone number (optional)

3 At which election(s) or referendum(s) do you want a proxy vote?

I want to vote by proxy at the election(s) and referendum(s) held on:

D	D

M	M

Y	Y	Y	Y

4 Why do you want a proxy vote?

Please explain why you are not able to go to your polling station on polling day:

5 Your date of birth and declaration

Declaration: I have asked the person I have named as 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 black boxes below, **using black ink**.

D	D

M	M

Y	Y	Y	Y

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

6 Date of application

Today's Date

D	D

M	M

Y	Y	Y	Y

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Voting by proxy

Proxy voting means that if you aren't able to cast your vote in person, you can have someone you trust cast your vote for you.

You can use this form to apply to vote for one particular election or referendum only.

In Scotland you must be 16 or over on polling day to vote in local elections and elections to the Scottish Parliament. You must be 18 or over to vote in elections to the UK Parliament and European Parliament.

How do I apply to vote by proxy?

1. You must ask someone who is willing and capable to be your proxy and vote on your behalf.
2. Fill in the proxy vote application form. You must give a reason why you want to vote by proxy, for example you may be abroad on holiday on polling day.
3. Make sure you complete all sections of the form and supply your date of birth and signature. You need to give your date of birth and signature on this application form. This information is needed to prevent fraud. If you are unable to sign this form, please contact your local electoral registration office.
4. Return your form to your local electoral registration office. You can find their details on the next page.

Your application form must arrive at your local electoral registration office **by 5pm, 11 working days before the poll** when changing or cancelling an existing proxy, postal or postal proxy vote and **by 5pm, 6 working days before the poll** when applying for a new proxy vote.

If you are not already registered to vote, your application to register must have reached your electoral registration office **by midnight, 12 working days before the poll**.

What happens after I've returned this form?

- Your proxy must go to your polling station to vote. If your proxy cannot get to the polling station, they can apply to vote for you by post. They can apply to do this **by 5pm, 11 working days before the poll**. They can contact their local electoral registration office for more details and to request a further application form. For contact details, go to www.yourvotematters.co.uk or see contact details on the next page.
- Your proxy will be sent a proxy poll card, telling them where and when to vote on your behalf.
- You should let your proxy know how you want them to vote on your behalf, for example, which candidate, party or outcome.
- If it turns out that you are able to go to the polling station on polling day, you can vote in person as long as your proxy has not already done so and has not applied to vote for you by post.

Voting as a proxy

A person can only be a proxy for close relatives and up to two other people at an election or referendum.

Close relatives are the spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild of the applicant.

The person you wish to appoint as your proxy can only act as proxy if they are 18 or over (16 or over in Scotland at local elections and elections to the Scottish Parliament) and they are (or will be) registered for that election or referendum.

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Privacy Statement

The Electoral Registration Officer will only use the information you give them for electoral purposes. They will look after personal information securely and will follow data protection legislation. They will not give personal information about you or any personal information you may provide on other people to anyone else or another organisation unless they have to by law.

The lawful basis to collect the information in this form is that it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest and exercise of official authority as vested in the Electoral Registration Officer as set out in the Representation of the People Act 1983 and associated regulations.

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

More Information

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

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