

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 by proxy if you are a member of the armed forces or a spouse or civil partner of someone who is.

Both you and your proxy must be registered and eligible to vote.

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.

For more information, speak to your Unit Registration Officer or contact your elections team at your council. For contact details, visit electoralcommission.org.uk/voter.

How do I apply to vote by proxy?

- You must ask someone who is willing and capable to be your proxy and vote on your behalf.
- Fill in the proxy vote application form. If you are registered as a service voter you do not need support for your application.
- Make sure you complete all sections of the form, even if you have already given the information on your service voter registration 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 the elections team at the council in the area where you are registered.
- Return your form to the elections team at the council in the area where you are registering as soon as possible. **You can find their details and more information at electoralcommission.org.uk/voter.**

Please do not return your form to the Electoral Commission.

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

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

If you miss the deadline for applying to vote by proxy you can still apply for an emergency proxy in a limited number of circumstances up until 5pm on polling day. Contact your elections team at the council in the area in which you have registered or are registering for advice. You can find the address at electoralcommission.org.uk/voter.

If you are not already registered to vote, you must 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

This form and these deadlines do not apply in Northern Ireland. Visit eoni.org.uk for more information.

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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 the elections team at your council for more details and to request a further application form. For contact details, go to electoralcommission.org.uk/voter.
- 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, or has not applied to vote for you by post.

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 their privacy notice on their website. You can find their website address and contact details at electoralcommission.org.uk/voter.

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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 every section and signed the form yourself, send it to your elections team at your council. You can find their address at electoralcommission.org.uk/voter.

1 About you

Surname

First name(s) (in full)

Current address (used for correspondence)

Postcode

Phone number (optional) include country code

Email (optional)

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

2 UK registration address

The address where you are registered to vote in the UK.

Postcode

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

Full name

Family relationship (if any)

Full address

Postcode

Phone number (optional)

Email (optional)

4 How long do you want a proxy vote for?

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

until further notice (while I am registered as a service voter)

for the elections/referendums to be held on

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for the period

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5 The reason you can't vote in person

Please give the reason you are unable to vote in person.

6 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.

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 elections team at your council.

7 Date of application

Today's date

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