



## How do I apply to vote by proxy?

- 1** You must ask someone if they are willing and able to be your proxy and vote on your behalf. Please note that a person can only be the proxy for close relatives and up to two other people at the same election or referendum\*.
- 2** Unless you are registered to vote as a service voter, you must get an appropriate person to sign your application. See notes below for information on who can support your application
- 3** Make sure **you** complete all sections of the form and supply your date of birth and signature.
- 4** Return your form to your local electoral registration office. You can find their details at [www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk).

Only electors who are (or will be) registered individually are entitled to vote by proxy. In addition, the person you wish to appoint as your proxy can only act as proxy if they are (or will be) registered individually. Contact your electoral registration office for further information.

Please **do not** return your form to the Electoral Commission. **Please note:** this form can only be used **after 5pm on the sixth working day** before an election and must arrive at your electoral registration office before **5pm** on the day of the election.

\* By referendum we mean: Neighbourhood Planning Referendums, Council Tax Referendums, Mayoral & Governance Arrangements Referendums, and Local Authority Advisory polls. If you wish to apply to vote by post for a different type of referendum, please contact your Electoral Registration Officer.



## Voting by proxy

If you are not able to attend the polling station in person for reasons relating to your occupation, service or employment, and you only become aware of this after 5pm on the sixth working day before an election, you can apply to vote by emergency proxy (someone else voting on your behalf). You can apply up until 5pm on election day.

This form should not be used if you have been detained in a hospital under Section 145 of the Mental Health Act 1983 in England and Wales or Section 329 of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 in Scotland.

## Who can support my application?

### ■ “I’m self-employed, who can support my application?”

A person aged 18 years or over who knows you and is not your spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild.

### ■ “I’m employed, who can support my application?”

Your employer or another authorised person at your workplace.

### ■ “I am registered as a service voter, who can support my application?”

If you are a member of the Armed Forces, a Crown servant, a British Council employee or the spouse or civil partner of one of the above and you are registered as a service voter, you **do not** need support for your application.

If you are registered as an ordinary elector, you will need support from your employer or another authorised person at your workplace.

## What happens after I’ve returned this form?

- Your proxy must go to **your** polling station to vote on your behalf.

- You should tell your proxy how you want them to vote on your behalf, for example, which candidate, party, or outcome.
- Your local election office will tell your proxy when and where to vote on your behalf.
- You will 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 Electoral Registration Officer.

## Voting as 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 and they are (or will be) registered individually.

## More information

If you have any questions about voting by proxy, go to **[www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk)** or contact your electoral registration office.

In England and Wales, the electoral registration office is based at your local council. In Scotland, it may be a separate office. For contact details, go to **[www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk)**.

This form does not apply in Northern Ireland. Visit **[www.eoni.org.uk](http://www.eoni.org.uk)** for more information.

Electoral Registration Officers will only use the information you provide for electoral purposes. They will look after personal information securely and will follow the Data Protection Act 1998. Electoral Registration Officers will not give personal information about you to anyone else or another organisation unless they have to by law.

# Application to vote by emergency proxy based on occupation, service or employment



**Only one person can apply to vote by emergency proxy using this form.** Write in black ink and use **BLOCK LETTERS**. When you have filled in every section and signed the form yourself, send it to your local electoral registration office. You can get the address at [www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk)

## 1 About you

Surname

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First names (in full)

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Your current full address

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Postcode or BFPO

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Your correspondence address (if different)

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Daytime telephone or mobile number (optional)

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E-mail address (optional)

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## 2 About your proxy

Full name

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Relationship to you (if any)

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Full address

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Postcode

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## 3 At which election do you want a proxy

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

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## 4 Your employment details and reason you can't vote in person

Please fill in Section A if you are self-employed, Section B if you are employed, or Section C if you are a service voter.

### A – Self-Employed

I am self-employed as (give job title):

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I am not able to go to the polling station on election day for the following reason related to my occupation:

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### B – Employed

I am employed by (give employer's name and address):

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As (give job title):

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I am not able to go to the polling station on election day for the following reason related to my employment:

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### C – Service voter

Tick the type of service voter that applies:

I am a member of the Armed Forces

I am a Crown servant

I am a British Council employee

I am the spouse or civil partner of one of the above

I am not able to go to the polling station on election day for the following reason related to my service (or that of my spouse or civil partner):

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## 5 When did you become aware of the reason?

Time \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## 6 Your date of birth and declaration

**Declaration:** I have asked the person I have named as my proxy and confirm that he/she is willing and able 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 2 years and/or a fine.

**Date of birth:** Please write your date of birth 'DD MM YYYY' in the black boxes below, **using black ink**.

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

If you are unable to sign this form, please contact your Electoral Registration Officer.

## 7 Date of application

Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Note:** if you are registered to vote as a service voter, you do not need support for your application.

## 8 Supporter's declaration (if self-employed)

Read the notes to see who can support this application. Please ask the person who is supporting your application to give their name and address.

Supporter's full name \_\_\_\_\_

Supporter's address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Declaration:

- I am aged 18 years or over
- I know the applicant
- I am not the spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild of the applicant
- I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the applicant's statements in Parts 4 and 5 are true

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## 9 Employer's declaration (if employed)

Read the notes to see who can support this application. Please ask the person who is authorised to support your application to give their name, address and position.

Supporter's full name

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Supporter's address

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Postcode

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Supporter's position with the employer

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Declaration:

- I am the applicant's employer or an employee with authority to act for the employer
- I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the applicant's statements in Parts 4 and 5 are true

Signature

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Date

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