



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** Fill in the proxy vote application form. You must give a reason why you need to vote by proxy and may need a qualified 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.

Please **do not** return your form to the Electoral Commission. **Please note:** your application form must arrive at your electoral registration office by 5pm, **11 working days** before an election or referendum when changing or cancelling an existing proxy, postal or postal proxy vote and by 5pm, **6 working days** before an election or referendum when applying for a new proxy vote. If you are not already registered to vote, your application to register must have reached the Electoral Registration Officer by midnight, **12 working days** before the poll.

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

Voting by proxy

In England and Wales you must be aged 18 or over on polling day to vote at an election or referendum

In Scotland, you must be aged 16 or over on polling day to vote in Scottish Parliamentary and local government elections, and must be 18 or over on polling day to vote in the European Union Referendum and UK Parliamentary or European Parliamentary elections.

If you cannot vote at an election or referendum in person due to a disability, you can apply to vote by proxy (someone else voting on your behalf).

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.

* By referendum we mean the European Union Referendum, 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.

Application to vote by proxy based on disability



Does my application need supporting?

If you are registered blind by a local authority and your application is based on your blindness, or you are in receipt of a benefit payment (listed below) because of the disability specified in the application, then you **do not** need to have your application supported. You must complete Part 4B or 4C of the application.

Benefit payments:

- A higher rate of the mobility component of a disability living allowance
- The enhanced rate of the mobility component of the personal independence payment
- An Armed Forces independence payment

Who can support my application?

If they are giving care or treating you for the disability:

- a registered medical practitioner, including a dentist, optician, pharmacist, osteopath, chiropractor and psychologist
- a registered nurse
- a registered health professional

If they are giving care, treating you, or have arranged care or assistance in respect of the disability:

- a registered social worker

Alternatively:

- a registered mental health manager or their representative
- if you live in a residential care home, the person registered as running that home
- if you live on premises provided for people of pensionable age or disabled persons, the warden of those premises

What happens after I've returned this form?

- Your proxy must go to **your** polling station to vote on your behalf. If your proxy cannot get to the polling station, they can apply to vote for you by post. They can apply to do this until 5pm 11 working days before the poll.
- You should tell your proxy how you want them to vote on your behalf, for example, which candidate or which party for example, which candidate, party, or outcome.
- Your proxy will be sent a proxy poll card, telling them where and when 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 (16 or over in Scotland at Scottish Parliamentary and local government elections) and they are (or will be) registered for that election or referendum.

More information

If you have any questions about voting by proxy, go to **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**

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 proxy based on disability



Only one person can apply to vote by 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

1 About you

Surname

First names (in full)

Your current full address

Postcode

Daytime telephone or mobile number (optional)

E-mail address (optional)

2 About your proxy

Full name

Relationship to you (if any)

Full address

Postcode

3 How long do you want a proxy vote for?

I want to vote by proxy at all elections and referendums (tick one box only):

☐ until further notice (permanent proxy vote)

☐ or the period

from								
	D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y
to								
	D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y

4 Why do you want a proxy vote?

Read the notes on the previous page and complete either A, B or C.

A – I am not able to go to the polling station on election day due to the following disability:

B – I am not able to go to the polling station on election day due to my blindness. I am registered blind by (the following local authority):

C – I am not able to go to the polling station on election day due to my disability for which I am in receipt of a benefit payment. Please state which of the benefit payments listed on the previous page you receive **and** your disability:

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5 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.

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

6 Date of application

Today's date

D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y

7 Support for this application

Read the notes to see who can support this application. Please complete either A, B, C, or D on the following pages as appropriate:

Complete **A** if you are giving care and/or treating the disability detailed in the application, and are:

- a registered medical practitioner, including a dentist, optician, pharmacist, osteopath, chiropractor and psychologist
- a registered nurse
- a registered health professional

Complete **B** if you are giving care, treatment and/or have arranged care or assistance in respect of the disability detailed in the application and are:

- a registered social worker

Complete **C** if you are:

- a person registered as running a residential care home
- the warden of premises provided for people of pensionable age or disabled persons

Complete **D** if you are:

- a registered mental health manager or their representative

The application does not need to be supported if you completed Part 4B or 4C and are applying due to blindness and you are registered as a blind person, or if you are in receipt of the higher rate component of either the disability living allowance or the personal/Armed Forces independence payment due to the disability.

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A If you are giving care and/or treating the disability detailed in the application, and are:

- a registered medical practitioner, including a dentist, optician, pharmacist, osteopath, chiropractor and psychologist
- a registered nurse
- a registered health professional

Supporter's full name

Supporter's address

Postcode

Supporter's qualification

Declaration:

- I am providing care and/or treating the applicant for the disability specified in the application
- To the best of my knowledge and belief:
 - the applicant has the disability specified in the application and cannot reasonably be expected to go to their polling station on election day or to vote there unaided due to that disability.
 - the disability specified in the application is likely to continue indefinitely or until:

Supporter's signature

Date

D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y

B If you are a registered social worker giving care, treatment and/or have arranged care or assistance in respect of the disability detailed in the application

Supporter's full name

Supporter's address

Postcode

Supporter's qualification

Declaration:

- I am providing care and/or treating the applicant, or have arranged care or assistance for the applicant, for the disability specified in the application
- To the best of my knowledge and belief:
 - the applicant has the disability specified in the application and cannot reasonably be expected to go to their polling station on election day or to vote there unaided due to that disability.
 - the disability specified in the application is likely to continue indefinitely or until:

Supporter's signature

Date

D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y

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C If you are a person registered as running a residential care home, or the warden of premises provided for people of pensionable age or disabled persons

Supporter's full name

Supporter's address

Postcode

Supporter's qualification

Declaration:

- ☐ To the best of my knowledge and belief:
 - the applicant has the disability specified in the application and cannot reasonably be expected to go to their polling station on election day or to vote there unaided due to that disability.
 - the disability specified in the application is likely to continue indefinitely or until:

Supporter's signature

Date

D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y

D If you are a registered mental health manager or their representative

Supporter's full name

Supporter's position at the hospital where the applicant is receiving treatment

Declaration:

- ☐ I am authorised to support this application
- ☐ To the best of my knowledge and belief:
 - the applicant has the disability specified in the application and cannot reasonably be expected to go to their polling station on election day or to vote there unaided due to that disability.
 - the disability specified in the application is likely to continue indefinitely or until:

Supporter's signature

Date

D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y