

Application to vote by proxy for a member of the Armed Forces, their spouse or civil partner and, in Scotland only, their children who are living with them

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 their spouse or civil partner. In Scotland, this form also allows a person aged 14 or over who is registered as a service voter because they are living with a parent or guardian who is a member of the Armed Forces, to vote by proxy in local elections and elections to the Scottish Parliament once they are 16 years old. They do not need support for their application.

In England and Wales you must be 18 or over on polling day to vote

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

For more information please contact the **Electoral Registration Officer, 17A South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 9FL. Telephone 0131 344 2500. E-mail enquiries@lothian-vjb.gov.uk.**

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. If you are registered as an ordinary elector, you will need support from your employer or another authorised person at your workplace. For further information contact your electoral registration office.
- 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. This information is needed to prevent fraud. If you are unable to sign this form, please contact your electoral registration office in the area where you are registered.
- Return your completed application form to the electoral registration office in the area where you are registering as soon as possible. **If you are registered outwith Edinburgh and the Lothians you can find their details and more information at yourvotematters.co.uk**

- Your application form must arrive at your 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 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 electoral registration office in the area in which you have registered or are registering for advice. You can find the address at yourvotematters.co.uk.

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 eoni.org.uk for more information.

What happens after I have applied to vote by proxy?

- 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 electoral registration office for more details and to request a further application form. For contact details, go to yourvotematters.co.uk
- 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.

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.

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 Data Controller: Gary Elliott, 17A South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 9FL, 0131 344 2500.

You should refer to the Privacy Notice at www.lothian-vjb.gov.uk/privacy/ for further information relating to the processing of personal data.

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Only one person can apply to vote by proxy using this form.

Please write in black ink and use **BLOCK CAPITALS**. When you have completed every section and signed the form yourself, send it to the Electoral Registration Officer, 17A South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 9FL.

1 ABOUT YOU

Surname

First name(s) (in full)

Current address (this address will be used for correspondence)

Postcode/BFPO

Telephone number (optional). Please include country code

E-mail (optional)

Providing an e-mail and telephone number gives a quick and easy way to contact you about your application.

2 UK REGISTRATION ADDRESS

Please give your full UK registration address:

Postcode

3 ABOUT YOUR PROXY (THE PERSON YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO VOTE ON YOUR BEHALF)

Full name

Family relationship (if any)

Full address

Postcode

E-mail or telephone number (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

from
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to
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5 THE REASON YOU CANNOT 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.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SIGN THIS FORM, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICE.

7 DATE OF APPLICATION

Today's Date
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