

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 your employment or your spouse or civil partner's employment means that you cannot vote in person.

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 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?

- 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. You must give a reason why you want to vote by proxy. You must get someone to support your application. See notes below for information on who can support your application.
- Make sure all sections of the form are complete 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 electoral registration office.
- Return your form to your electoral registration office. You can find their details at yourvotematters.co.uk

Please do not return your form to the Electoral Commission. 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 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**.

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

Who can support my application?

- If you have an employer, your employer or another authorised person at your workplace
- If you are self-employed, a person who is aged 18 years or over, who knows you and is not related to you.

Your supporter will need to give their details in section 7 of the form. They must also complete either:

- 8A if you are employed; or
- 8B if you are self-employed; or
- 8C if you are the spouse or civil partner of an employed person; or
- 8D if you are the spouse or civil partner of a self-employed person.

In Scotland, your supporter can also be 16 or 17 years old for local elections and elections to the Scottish Parliament, but must be 18 or over to support your application for elections to the UK Parliament or European Parliament. If your supporter is 16 or 17 years old, they need to give their details in section 7 of the form and complete either:

- 8E if you are employed; or
- 8F if you are self-employed; or
- 8G if you are the spouse or civil partner of an employed person; or
- 8H if you are the spouse or civil partner of a self-employed person.

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What happens after I've returned this form?

- Your proxy must go to your local 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 up to **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 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.

More information

If you have any questions about voting by proxy, go to yourvotematters.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 yourvotematters.co.uk

Staff at electoral registration offices will only use the information you provide for electoral purposes. They will look after personal information securely, follow the Data Protection Act 1998 and they will not give your personal information to anyone else unless they have to by law.

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

Please write in black ink and use BLOCK LETTERS. When all sections are complete and you have signed the form yourself, send it to your electoral registration office. You can find their address at yourvotematters.co.uk

1 About you

Surname

First name(s) (in full)

Your address (where you are registered to vote)

Postcode

Telephone no (optional)

Email (optional)

Providing an email and 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 or telephone no (optional)

3 How long do you want a proxy vote for?

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

until further notice (permanent proxy vote)

for the period

from
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to
D D M M Y Y Y Y

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4 Why do you want a proxy vote?

Complete 4A if you are applying as an employed person; 4B if you are self-employed; 4C if you are applying as the spouse/civil partner of an employed person; or 4D if you are the spouse/civil partner of a self-employed person.

4A – Employed

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

ii) As (give job title):

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iii) I am not able to go to the polling station on polling day for the following reason relevant to my employment:

4B – Self-employed

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

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ii) I am not able to go to the polling station on polling day for the following reason relevant to my occupation:

4C – Spouse/civil partner of an employed person

i) I am the spouse/civil partner of (please enter your spouse/civil partner's name):

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My spouse/civil partner is employed by (give their employer's name and address):

ii) As (give their job title):

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iii) I am not able to go to the polling station on polling day for the following reason relevant to their employment:

4D – Spouse/civil partner of a self-employed person

i) I am the spouse/civil partner of (please enter your spouse /civil partner's name):

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ii) My spouse/civil partner is self-employed as (give their job title):

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iii) I am not able to go to the polling station on polling day for the following reason relevant to their occupation:

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8A Supporter's declaration (if the applicant is employed)

- I am the applicant's employer or an employee with authority to act for the employer
- I am aged 18 years or over
- I know the applicant but am not their spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild
- I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the applicant's statements in 4A are true.

Signature

Today's date

D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y

8B Supporter's declaration (if the applicant is self-employed)

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

Signature

Today's date

D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y

8C Supporter's declaration (if the applicant is the spouse or civil partner of an employed person)

- I am the employer, or an employee with authority to act for the employer, of the person named in 4C who is the spouse/civil partner of the applicant
- I am aged 18 years or over
- I know the employed person named in 4C who is the spouse/civil partner of the applicant, but am not their spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild
- I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the applicant's statements in 4C(i) and 4C(ii) are true.

Signature

Today's date

D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y

8D Supporter's declaration (if the applicant is the spouse or civil partner of a self-employed person)

- I am aged 18 years or over
- I know the self-employed person named in 4D who is the spouse/civil partner of the applicant, but am not their spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild
- I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the applicant's statements in 4D(i) are true.

Signature

Today's date

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Scotland only: declaration by a 16 or 17 year old supporter (valid for local elections and elections to the Scottish Parliament only). Please complete declaration 8A, 8B, 8C or 8D if your supporter is 18 or over.

8E Declaration by 16 or 17 year old supporter: if the applicant is employed

- I am the applicant's employer or an employee with authority to act for the employer
- I am 16 or 17 years old
- I know the applicant but am not their spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild
- I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the applicant's statements in 4A are true.

Signature

Today's date

D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y

8F Declaration by 16 or 17 year old supporter: if the applicant is self-employed

- I am 16 or 17 years old
- I know the applicant but am not their spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild
- I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the applicant's statements in 4B are true.

Signature

Today's date

D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y

8G Declaration by 16 or 17 year old supporter: if the applicant is the spouse or civil partner of an employed person

- I am the employer, or an employee with authority to act for the employer, of the person named in 4C who is the spouse/civil partner of the applicant
- I am 16 or 17 years old
- I know the employed person named in 4C who is the spouse/civil partner of the applicant, but am not their spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild
- I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the applicant's statements in 4C(i) and 4C(ii) are true.

Signature

Today's date

D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y

8H Declaration by 16 or 17 year old supporter: if the applicant is the spouse or civil partner of a self-employed person

- I know the self-employed person named in 4D who is the spouse/civil partner of the applicant, but am not their spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild
- I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the applicant's statements in 4D(i) are true.

Signature

Today's date

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