

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.

If you are self-isolating and unable to vote in person at your polling station as a result of government or medical practitioner advice which you became aware of after 5pm, on the sixth working day before the poll, you can apply to vote by emergency proxy (someone else voting on your behalf). You can apply until 5pm on the day of the poll.

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.

Close relatives are the spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild of the applicant.

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 emergency proxy vote application form. You must give a reason why you need to vote by proxy.
- Make sure all sections of the form are complete. 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 local electoral registration office.
- Return your form to your local electoral registration office. **You can find their details and more information at electoralcommission.org.uk/voter.**

Please do not return your form to the Electoral Commission.

This form can only be used **after 5pm, on the sixth working day before the poll** and must arrive at your electoral registration office **before 5pm on the day of the poll**.

You must already be registered to vote, before applying for a proxy vote or emergency 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 only apply for Scottish Parliament and local elections in Scotland.

What happens after I've returned this form?

- Your proxy must go to your polling station to vote.
- You should tell your proxy how you want them to vote on your behalf, for example, which candidates or parties.
- The elections team at your council will tell your proxy when and where to vote on your behalf.

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.

Application to vote by emergency proxy in Scotland based on COVID-19

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

Please write in black ink and use CAPITAL LETTERS. When all sections are complete and you have signed the form yourself, send it to your local electoral registration office. You can find their address at electoralcommission.org.uk/voter.

1 About you

Surname

First name(s) (in full)

Your address (where you are registered to vote)

Postcode

Phone number (optional)

Email (optional)

Providing an email and phone 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

Phone number (optional)

Email (optional)

3 At which election(s) do you want a proxy?

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

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
D	D	M	M	Y	Y

4 Emergency proxy vote confirmation

Please confirm the below statement is true:

- I am self-isolating as a result of government or medical practitioner advice which I became aware of after 5pm on the sixth working day before the poll.

5 When did you begin self-isolating?

Time:

Date

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
D	D	M	M	Y	Y

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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 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, punishable on conviction by imprisonment of up to two years and/or a fine.

Date of birth: Please write your date of birth in the boxes below using black ink.

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y

Signature: Sign below using black ink, keeping within the grey border.

If you are unable to sign this form, please contact your local electoral registration office.

7 Date of application

Today's date
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