Application to vote by proxy in Scotland for anonymous electors

The Electoral Commission

Voting by proxy

Proxy voting means that if you cannot vote in person, you can have someone you trust vote on your behalf. You can use this form to apply to vote by proxy if you are registered to vote, or have applied to be registered, as an anonymous elector. To vote by proxy, both you and your proxy must be registered and eligible to vote. This form applies only in Scotland.

The rules about who can be a proxy are different depending on the type of election you want to vote in:

For Scottish Parliament and council elections:

• A proxy can vote 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.

For UK Parliament elections:

A proxy can vote for a maximum of 4 people. No more than 2 of those people can be domestic electors.
 Domestic electors are voters who are neither overseas voters nor service voters. UK Parliament elections include UK Parliamentary general elections, by-elections, and recall petitions.

For more information on proxy voting and other ways to apply, visit electoralcommission.co.uk/proxyvote.

How do I apply to vote by proxy?

- Ask someone who is willing and capable to be your proxy and vote on your behalf.
- Fill in the proxy vote application form.
- Make sure all required sections of the form are complete and provide your date of birth and signature. This information is needed to prevent fraud. If you are unable to sign this form, please contact your local electoral registration office.
- If your application has missing or incorrect information, your local electoral registration office will contact you. You may need to provide supporting documents and it may take longer to process your application.
- 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.

When applying for a new proxy vote, you must return your application form by **5pm**, **6 working days before the poll**.

When changing or cancelling an existing postal, proxy or postal proxy vote, you must return your application form by **5pm**, **11 working days before the poll**.

If you are not already registered to vote, you must apply to register before applying for a proxy vote. Your local electoral registration office can provide you with a voter registration form. For more information about anonymous registration, speak to your local electoral registration office.

What happens after I have returned this form?

- Your local electoral registration office will confirm if your application has been accepted or rejected.
- Your proxy will be sent a proxy poll card, telling them where and when to vote on your behalf.
- You must let your proxy know how you want them to vote on your behalf, for example, which candidate, party or outcome.
- 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 on your behalf by post. They can apply to do this until 5pm, 11 working days before the poll. They can contact your local electoral registration office for more details and to request a postal vote application form. For contact details, go to electoralcommission.org.uk/voter.
- If 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 on your behalf by post.

Privacy statement

This privacy notice tells you what will happen to the personal information you supply with this application form. The Electoral Registration Officer is the Data Controller for the purposes of data protection legislation. Their lawful basis for collecting the personal information is that the processing is necessary in order to perform a task in the public interest as set out in the Representation of the People Act 1983 and related regulations.

The Electoral Registration Officer is legally required to process your personal information securely and comply with data protection legislation. For further information you should refer to their privacy notice. You can find their website address and contact details at **electoralcommission.org.uk/voter**.

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

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

1	About you
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2B Proxy vote for UK Parliament elections	3 Your date of birth and declaration									
Please tell us your National Insurance number below. You can find this on your payslip, P60, or on letters about tax, pensions or benefits. If you cannot provide a National Insurance number, please tell us why. You can still submit this form and someone will contact you. It may take longer to process your application.	Declaration: I have asked the person(s) 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 six months and/or a fine. Date of birth: Please write your date of birth in the boxes below using black ink. Signature: Sign below using black ink,									
Who do you want to be your proxy? Full name Full address	keeping within the grey border.									
Postcode Email or telephone no. (optional)	If you are unable to sign this form, please contact your local electoral registration office.									
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