



## How do I apply to vote by proxy?

- 1** You must ask someone you know 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.
- 2** Fill in the proxy vote application form. You must give a reason why you want to vote by proxy, for example you may be abroad on holiday on election day.
- 3** Make sure **you** complete all sections of the form and supply your date of birth and signature.
- 4** Return your form as soon as possible to the address shown below.

Electoral Registration Officer  
4 Saddler Street  
Durham  
DH1 3NZ

Please **do not** return your form to the Electoral Commission. **Please note:** your application form must arrive at your electoral registration office at least **11 working days** before the election when changing or cancelling an existing postal or postal proxy vote and at least **6 working days** before the election when applying for a new proxy vote.

## Voting by proxy

If you cannot vote at an election in person, you can apply to vote by proxy (someone else voting on your behalf). You can use this form to apply to vote by proxy for one particular election only.

## 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 11 days before election day. Contact your electoral registration office for more details.
- 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 or which party.
- If it turns out that you are able to go to the polling station on election day, you can vote in person as long as your proxy has not already done so and has not applied to vote for you by post.
- You will need to give your date of birth and signature on this application form. This information is needed to tackle fraud.

## More information

If you have any questions about voting by proxy, go to [www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://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](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk) or look in your phone book.

This form does not apply in Northern Ireland. Visit [www.eoni.org.uk](http://www.eoni.org.uk) for more information.



# Application to vote by proxy at a particular election



Only one person can register using this form. Please 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](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk) or in your phone book.

## 1 About you

Surname

First names (in full)

Your address (where you are registered to vote)

Postcode

Daytime telephone or mobile number (optional)

E-mail address (optional)

## 2 At which election do you want a proxy vote?

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

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## 3 Why do you want a proxy vote?

Please explain why you are not able to go to your polling station on election day:

## 4 About your proxy

Full name

Relationship to you (if any)

Full address

Postcode

## 5 Your date of birth and declaration

**Declaration:** 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 6 months and/or a fine.

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.

**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.

## 8 Date of application

Today's date

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### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Polling district:

Date received:

Elector number:

Date added:

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