

Application to vote by proxy for a member of Her Majesty's Armed Forces, their spouse or civil partner. Children of service voters who will be 16 or 17 on 18 September 2014 may also apply to vote by proxy at the Scottish independence referendum by completing this form – England, Wales and Scotland



Voting by proxy

■ Return your form as soon as possible to the address shown below.

**Return to: Electoral Services,
East Riding of Yorkshire Council,
County Hall, Beverley, HU17 9BA**

From 10 June 2014 in England and Wales, and from 19 September 2014 in Scotland, only electors who are (or will be) registered individually are entitled to apply to vote by proxy. In addition, the person you wish to appoint as your proxy can only act as proxy if they are (or will be) registered individually. Contact your electoral registration office for further information

Please do not return your form to The Electoral Commission.

How do I apply to vote by proxy? (for England, Wales and Scotland but excluding the Scottish Independence Referendum)

- 1** Ask someone if they are willing and able 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 poll. The person you wish to appoint as your proxy can only act as proxy if they are 18 or over and they are (or will be) registered individually. The requirement to be registered individually applies from 19 September 2014 in Scotland.
- 2** Fill in the proxy vote application form overleaf. If you are a member of the Armed Forces, or the spouse or civil partner of a member of the Armed Forces, and 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.
- 3** Make sure **you** give your **date of birth** and **signature**. You need to fill in **every** section, even if you have already given the information on your Service Voter registration form.
- 4** Send your completed application form to the Electoral Registration Office in the area where you are registering as soon as possible. You can find the address at www.aboutmyvote.co.uk.
- 5** You must return your proxy vote application form by **5pm, 6 working days** before the poll. But be aware that 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.
- 6** 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 www.aboutmyvote.co.uk

If in doubt, speak to your Unit Registration Officer.

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How do I apply to vote by proxy? (for the Scottish Independence Referendum)

- 1 Ask someone if they are willing and able 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 referendum. The person does not need to be registered to vote in the poll but must be 16 or over on the day of the poll and must be a British, Irish, other European Union or qualifying Commonwealth citizen.
- 2 Fill in the proxy vote application form over the page. You must state the reason why you can't vote in person.
- 3 Make sure **you** give your **date of birth** and **signature**. You need to fill in **every** section, even if you have already given the information on your Service Voter registration form.
- 4 Send your completed application form to the Electoral Registration Office in the area where you are registering or have registered as soon as possible. You can find the address at www.aboutmyvote.co.uk.
- 5 You must return your proxy vote application form by **5pm, 3 September 2014**. But be aware that if you are not already registered to vote, your application to register must have reached the Electoral Registration Officer by midnight 2 September 2014.
- 6 If you miss the deadline to apply for an ordinary proxy you can still apply for an emergency proxy in certain circumstances up until 5pm on polling day. This includes a medical condition arising after the deadline, or if your service means you are unable to go to the polling station and you only become aware of this fact after the deadline.

This form is just for applications made before 5pm on 3 September 2014. You'll need to get another form if applying after that time by contacting the Electoral Registration Officer.

If in doubt, speak to your Unit Registration Officer.

What happens after I have applied to vote by proxy? (in GB)

- Your proxy must go to your polling station to vote. If they cannot get to the polling station, they can vote for you by post. They must apply to do this by 5pm, 11 working days before polling day. The Electoral Registration Office in the area where you are registered can give you more details about this. You can find the address at www.aboutmyvote.co.uk.
- Your proxy will be sent a proxy poll card telling them where and when to vote.
- You should tell your proxy 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.

More information)

If you have any questions about registering to vote or voting by post or proxy, contact your Unit Registration Officer or the Electoral Registration Office in the area where you are registering.

Your Electoral Registration Office is the office responsible for the UK address where you are registering to vote.

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, visit www.aboutmyvote.co.uk.

This form does not apply to Northern Ireland. Visit www.eoni.org.uk for more information

We will only use the information you give us for electoral purposes. We will look after personal information securely and we will follow the Data Protection Act 1998. We will not give personal information about you to anyone else or another organisation unless we 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 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

1 About you

Surname

First names (in full)

Correspondence address

Postcode or BFPO

Daytime telephone or mobile number (optional) (including country code)

E-mail address (optional)

2 UK registration address

Please give your full **UK** registration address:

Postcode

3 About your proxy

Full name

Relationship to you (if any)

Full address

Postcode

4 How long do you want a proxy vote for?

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

for the elections or referendum to be held on

D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y

until further notice (while I am registered as a Service Voter) at all elections and referendums

for all elections or referendums held in the period

from

D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y

to

D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y

5 The reason you can't vote in person

Please give the reason you are unable to 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 he/she is willing and able 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 'DD MM YYYY' in the black boxes below, **using black ink**.

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Signature: Sign below, keeping within the grey border.

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

7 Date of application

Today's date

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