

Voting by proxy

On this page you will find out how to cast your vote by proxy at the Election.

Voting by proxy means that you appoint someone you trust to vote on your behalf.

Voting by proxy can be useful if you cannot get to the Polling Station on the day of the Election, for example if you fall ill or you are abroad.

Applying to vote by proxy

You can vote in a General Election if you are included in the Register of Electors.

In addition, the person you wish to appoint as your proxy can only act as proxy if they are (or will be) registered.

Download the proxy application form (PDF)

DEADLINE EXPIRED

Can I apply for a proxy vote?

Anyone who is registered can apply for a proxy vote.

When you apply for a proxy vote you must provide a reason. You can apply for a proxy vote if:

- you are unable to go to the polling station, for example, if you are away on holiday;
- you have a physical condition that means you cannot go to the polling station on the day of the Election;
- your employment means that you cannot go to the polling station on the day of the Election;
- your attendance on an educational course means that you cannot go to the polling station on the day of the Election;

You may have to get someone to support your application to confirm that your reason for applying to vote by proxy is valid. Read the notes that accompany the form to find out if you need to get someone to support your application and who can do it.

When can I apply to vote by proxy?

The deadline for applying to vote by proxy is noon, on Friday 6th October 2023.

If you have a medical emergency after the deadline, you can apply to vote by emergency proxy if the emergency means that you cannot go to the polling station in person.

You can also apply to vote by emergency proxy if your occupation, service or employment means that you cannot go to the polling station in person, and you only become aware of that fact after the deadline.

You can apply for an emergency proxy vote up to 5pm on polling day Thursday 12th October 2023.

Who can vote on my behalf?

The person you wish to appoint as your proxy can only act as proxy if they are included in the Register of Electors.

You cannot be a proxy for more than two people at the Election.