Application to vote by proxy for a British citizen living overseas

How do I apply to vote by proxy?

1. You must 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 election.
2. Fill in the proxy vote application form.
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.

Middlesbrough Borough Council
Electoral Registration Officer
P.O. Box 503
Town Hall
Middlesbrough
TS1 9FX

Please **do not** return your form to the Electoral Commission. **Please note:** your application form must arrive at your electoral registration office by 5pm **11 working days** before an election when changing or cancelling an existing proxy, postal or postal proxy vote and by 5pm **6 working days** before an election when applying for a new proxy vote.

Voting by proxy

You can apply to vote by proxy for a particular election, for a set period of time or for all future elections. This form allows you to vote by proxy for as long as you remain registered as an overseas voter.

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 by 5pm **11 working days** before election day. They should contact the 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 prevent fraud. If you are unable to sign this form, please contact your Electoral Registration Officer.

Voting as proxy

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.

The proxy must be eligible to vote.

More information

If you have any questions about voting by proxy, go to **www.aboutmyvote.co.uk** or contact your electoral registration office. This is the office responsible for the address where you were last registered to vote in the UK.

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**

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

The Electoral Commission

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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)

Current address
(this address will be used for correspondence)

Postcode

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

E-mail address (optional)

2 UK registration address

Please give the **full** address where you were registered to vote in the UK:

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 at all elections (tick one box only):

☐ until further notice (while I am registered as an overseas voter)

☐ for the elections to be held on

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☐ for the period

from D D M M Y Y Y Y

to D D M M Y Y Y Y

5 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, punishable on conviction by imprisonment of up to 2 years and/or a fine.

Date of birth: Please write your date of birth 'DD MM YYYY' in the black boxes below, **using black ink**.

Signature: Sign below, keeping within the grey border.

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

6 Date of application

Today's date D D M M Y Y Y Y