Application to vote by post or proxy at a particular election



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Read the notes <u>here</u> before completing this form in BLOCK LETTERS ple
PART I
ABOUT YOURSELF
Your Name
Please leave name, e mail, address,:
Surname -
Forenames in full -
Present Address
Post code -
Telephone Number(s) (if any)
Address on Register
This might not be your present address - see notes here!
Post code -
Which Election?
My application is for the (tick box which applies):
 Parliamentary Election - European Parliamentary Election - Local Government Election -
Date of Election -
Part 2

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Reason for this application

Important	see	notes	here!

Give detailed reasons why you need an absent vote:
/ cannot reasonably be expected to vote in person at my polling station at that election because -
Your Signa ture
Post or proxy voting?
Read the notes below before you fill in either, the By Post or the By Proxy section
By Post
If you choose to vote by post give here the UK address to which the ballot paper is to be sent.
By Proxy
If you choose to vote by proxy give the name and address of your proxy below. You must first make certain that the person is willing, and is allowed, to vote on your behalf please read the notes here!
Proxy's full name -
Proxy's address -
Post code -
Proxy's relationship to you - (if any)
Now ask your proxy to sign the statement below (you may sign it yourself instead if you wish)
The person named above as proxy is able and will to be appointed to vote on behalf of the applicant
Signature Date
Warning - A fine of up to £2,000 can be incurred by anyone who on this application makes a statement he or she knows to be false.
PLEASE REMEMBER YOU MUST PRINT OFF THIS FORM BEFORE SIGNING IT
YOU CAN NOT SEND IT ELECTRONICALLY.
Please return to:-
The Electoral Registration Officer FREEPOST, P.O. BOX, MANCHESTER, M60 2GT. No Stamp Needed.

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REGISTER OF ELECTORS

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How to fill in this form - Important advice from your Electoral Registration Officer

About This Form

This form tells me that you want to vote by post, or get someone else to vote on your behalf, at a particular election. It is for people who have a right to vote but who cannot reasonably be expected to vote in person at their polling station on the day of the poll. This form is a legal document and your vote may depend on it. Fill it in carefully using BLOCK LETTERS throughout except for your signature. Each elector must apply on a separate form so for example a married couple who want to apply need two forms.

About Part 1

Fill in your full name and present address in the space provided. The address on register is the address for which you are entered in my register of electors. I cannot give you an absent vote unless you are on my register of electors.

If you are living at your present address since before 1 1th October last year then it is likely that you are registered for your present address. In that case just write 'as above'.

If you have changed address within the last 16 months, it is possible that you are still registered at your previous address and not at your present address. If you are in any doubt you should check the register and fill in the address given there (copies of the register should be available in your local library, some post offices and council offices).

If you are registered to vote as a service voter, an overseas elector or following a 'patients declaration', the address you give should be that for which you are registered as an elector. Contact me or my staff at the Council Offices if you are in doubt about what address to give in part 1.

Now fill in the details of the election at which you want to vote by post or proxy and give me the reason for your application. Explain where you expect to be on polling day and why you cannot reasonably be expected to vote in person, e.g. "I shall be away on holiday at... on polling day" or "I am recovering from a serious accident/illness and find it difficult to get about". If the application is because of illness please state what the illness is.

There is a separate form RPF9(B) for people who need a postal or proxy vote because of unforeseen health reasons and have missed the normal closing date.

About Part 2

You can choose whether you want to vote by post or get someone else (called a 'proxy') to vote on your behalf. You cannot choose both. If you prefer a postal vote, fill in the address to which I should send your ballot paper. It must be within the U.K. We normally send out postal ballot papers about a week before polling day. So if you are not likely to receive yours around that time at the address you give me, you should consider choosing a proxy.

If you decide to apply to vote by proxy you must find someone suitable to agree to act for you before giving me his or her name. You must also sign, or get your proxy to sign, the special statement on the application form. Not everyone is allowed to act as a proxy. Your proxy must:

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- . be able to vote in U.K. elections, (he/she need not be currently registered as an elector)
- not have agreed to act as a proxy for more than two electors including yourself. He/she is however allowed to act as proxy for any number of his/her relatives (husband/wife, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild)

Note too that:

- if I grant you a postal vote you are not allowed to vote at the polling station
- if I grant you a vote by proxy you may vote in person, but only if your proxy has not already voted on your behalf or has not applied for a postal vote to vote on your behalf

How to return this form

The form should be returned to the Electoral Registration Officer for the area in which you are registered to vote You must make sure that this application reaches me at the Council Offices*

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NOTE If there is no date given on the form, the closing date is 5pm, 11 working days before polling day (working days exclude weekends, bank holidays, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day).

*In Scotland, the form should be sent to the office of the Electoral Reslistration Officer.

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