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Elections Act: updates to our suite of voter-facing postal and proxy vote application forms

In line with the changes to postal and proxy voting introduced by the Elections Act 2022, we are producing updates to our suite of voter-facing postal and proxy vote application forms.

The updates are being made to both ensure they reflect the new provisions and remain easy for voters to use and understand.

We are engaging closely with partners across the electoral community throughout the process, including through the Scottish Assessors Association (SAA), the Elections, Referendums Working Group (ERRWG), Divergence Task Group, the AEA and both the UK and Scottish governments.

A sample of the new draft application forms can be viewed now on our [website](#) to give you early sight of the form content, prior to the legislation coming into effect and the online application service going live from October 31st.

The full set of live forms will be published on our voter-facing webpage, when the application service is live, and we will confirm this through a future bulletin as usual.

Please note that the sample forms are not final and must not be shared with the public or used to submit applications.

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