

Voting by post

This form applies only in Scotland.

You must be eligible to vote, and registered, to get a postal vote.

You can use this form to apply to vote by post in Scottish Parliament and council elections.

You can apply to vote by post for a particular election, for a set period of time or until further notice.

You will need to use a different form to apply for a postal vote in UK Parliament elections.

For more information, or to find out if you can apply to vote by post using a different method, visit electoralcommission.org.uk/postalvote.

Postal votes can be sent to addresses in the UK and abroad.

How do I apply to vote by post?

- Fill in the postal vote application form.
- Make sure you complete all required sections of the form and provide your date of birth and signature. This information is needed to prevent fraud. If you are unable to sign this form, please contact your local electoral registration office.
- **Return your form to your local electoral registration office.** You can find their details and more information at electoralcommission.org.uk/voter.

Please do not return your form to The Electoral Commission.

The deadline for returning your postal vote application is **5pm, 11 working days before the poll**.

If you are not registered to vote, you must apply to register before applying for a postal vote.

The deadline to register to vote is **midnight, 12 working days before the poll**. Register to vote online at gov.uk/register-to-vote.

What happens after I have returned this form?

- Your local electoral registration office will confirm if your application has been accepted or rejected.
- When an election is going to be held, your ballot paper will be sent to you in the post. For more information on the delivery of the postal ballot pack, you can contact your local elections office.
- Your postal ballot pack will contain instructions for voting by post and returning your postal vote.
- Make sure you return your postal vote so that it arrives by the deadline, otherwise it will not be counted.

Privacy statement

This privacy notice tells you what will happen to the personal information you supply with this application form.

The Electoral Registration Officer is the Data Controller for the purposes of data protection legislation. Their lawful basis for collecting the personal information is that the processing is necessary in order to perform a task in the public interest as set out in the Representation of the People Act 1983 and related regulations.

The Electoral Registration Officer is legally required to process your personal information securely and comply with data protection legislation. For further information you should refer to their privacy notice. You can find their website address and contact details at electoralcommission.org.uk/voter.

