



# Voting By Proxy

This section explains how you can apply to vote by proxy (this means someone votes on behalf of someone else)

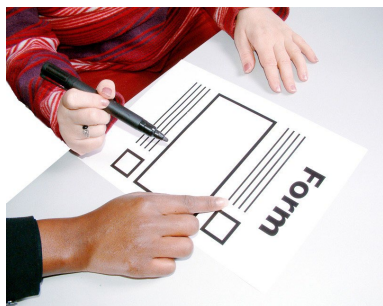
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**This section will explain how to vote by proxy.**

You will find out about:

1. What you need to do before an election
2. How to get a permanent proxy
3. How to vote by proxy in an election



Voting by proxy means choosing someone else to vote for you. You need to fill in a form to choose who will vote for you.

If the person who is your proxy wants to vote on your behalf by post, they need to contact the electoral services team at your local council for more details and to request a further application form.

If you want to apply to vote by proxy, you can: contact your local elections team for a paper form or download the proxy vote application form from:

**[www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections/ways-vote/apply-vote-proxy](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections/ways-vote/apply-vote-proxy)**



Fill in the form and send it off in the post.

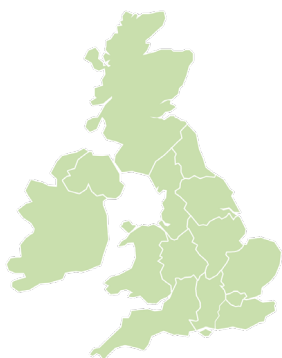
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Apply online on the government's website for a proxy vote at: **[www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote](https://www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote)**

You can only apply online for UK Parliament general elections, by-elections and recall petitions and Police and Crime Commissioner elections in Wales.



## What to do before the election

You should call your local elections team to say you would like to vote by proxy due to a disability.

You will be sent a form called 'Application to vote by proxy due to disability'. The form will be very similar to the voter registration form.



The deadline to apply for a proxy vote can be found here: **[www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections/ways-vote/apply-vote-proxy](https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections/ways-vote/apply-vote-proxy)**



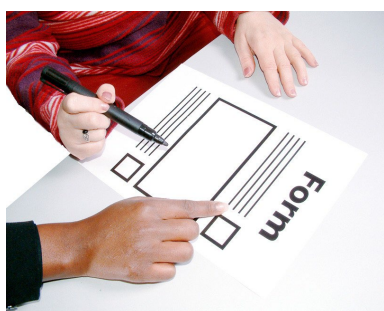
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When you fill out your proxy form you will need to know:

- Your name
- The address where you are registered to vote
- The details of the person you have chosen as your proxy who will vote for you. They must be registered to vote and able to vote at this election
- How long you want a proxy vote for



You can't do this online.

There are two options when you are applying for a proxy vote:

- applying for a one-off election
- applying for a long-term proxy vote



This means that you can choose to apply to vote by proxy for a certain length of time. For example, you could say you only want to vote by proxy between 2022 and 2026.

All long-term proxy vote application forms are based on the reason why you want one, for example, due to a disability.

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You can only apply for long term proxy votes by submitting a paper application form.

You can vote by proxy for a specific election. You will need to give the date of the election.

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## Voting by proxy for every election

If you would like to vote by proxy for all elections in the future, you will need to ask for a permanent proxy application form from your local elections team.

You may only be allowed to vote by proxy in the future, depending on your reason. To find out more, contact your local electoral service here: **[www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voter](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voter)**

On the form, you will be asked why you would like a proxy vote.



You can vote by proxy for many reasons including:

- You are registered blind
- You get the higher rate of the mobility component of the personal independence payment
- You need to work away from home



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You can also explain why you think you should have a proxy vote.

You will also need someone to support your explanation. The following people can support your application:

- a doctor, dentist, pharmacist or nurse
- a social worker
- a manager of a residential care home



More options will be on the form. Your local elections team can also give more information.



Need help? You can find out more about voting on the Mencap website: **[www.mencap.org.uk/ get-involved/campaigning/guides-voting](http://www.mencap.org.uk/get-involved/campaigning/guides-voting)**

If you have any questions you can call the Mencap election hotline on **0207 696 6009**.



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