

Postal vote opening procedure

Stage 1.

Open the Postal Voters' Ballot box



Count and record the number of covering envelopes (envelopes B¹)



Open the covering envelopes (envelopes B) and remove the postal voting statement and ballot paper envelope (envelope A)



Mark all returned postal vote statements on the postal/postal proxy list to show it is returned²



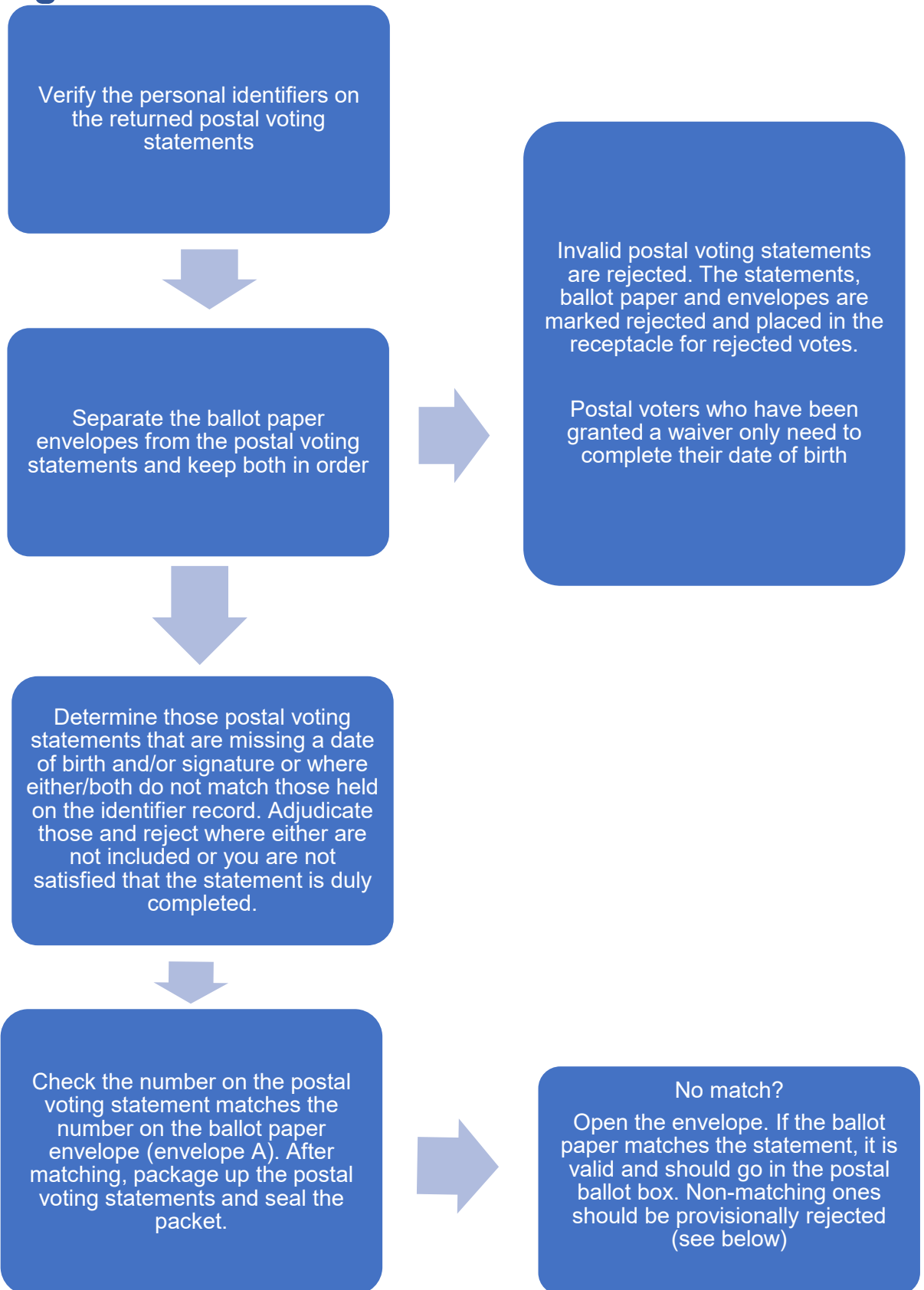
Not all parts of the postal vote returned?

Mark the envelope provisionally rejected, attach contents and add to the rejected votes packet. Add to the lists as appropriate:

- the list of ballot papers received without a valid (or any) postal voting statement
- the list of ballot paper numbers of postal voting statements received without a ballot paper

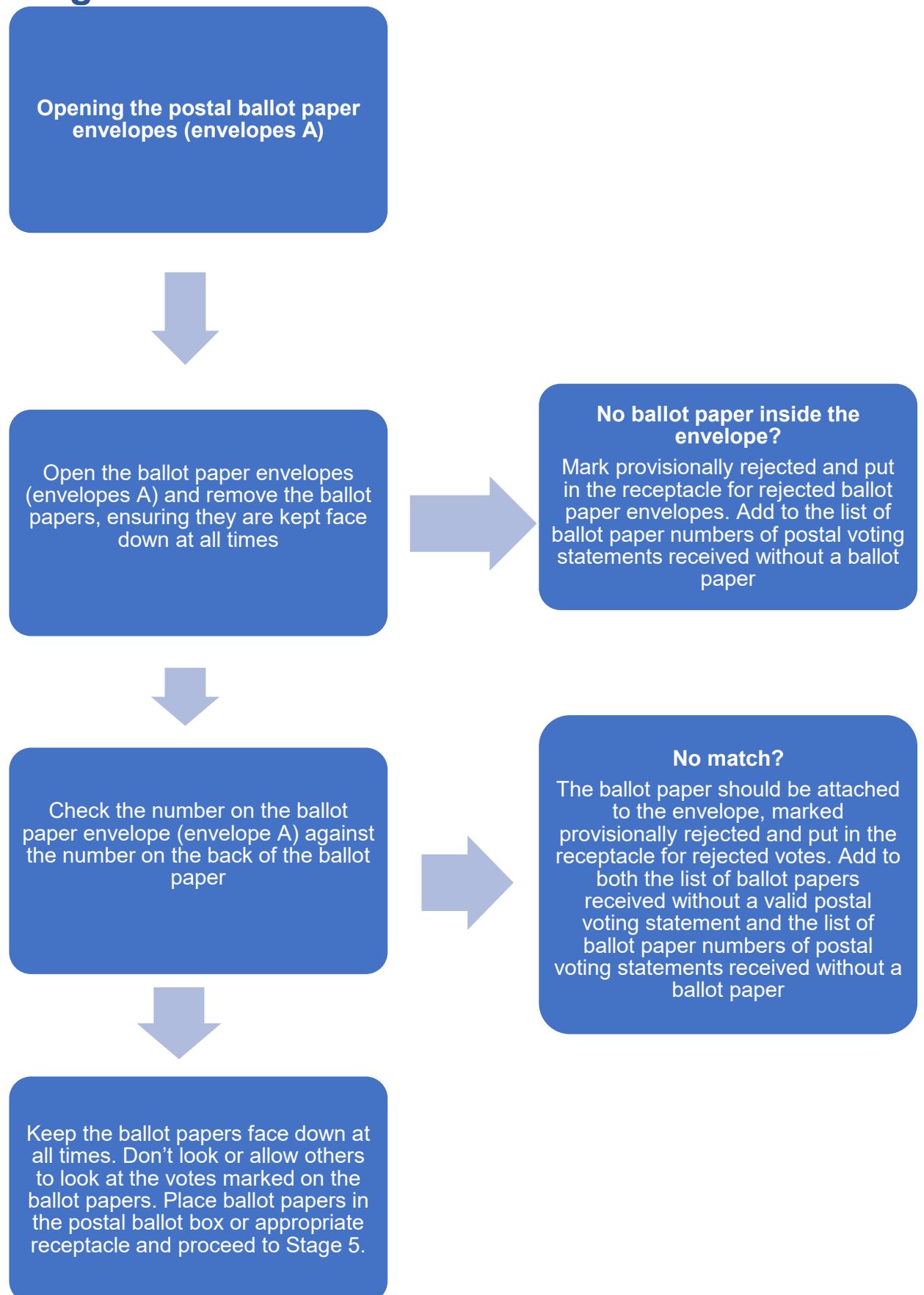
See Stage 4.

Stage 2.



1. Envelopes B includes where the relevant items are returned other than in the official envelope B
2. Regardless of whether it has been duly completed.
3. If there is an objection to a rejection by a candidate, election agents or postal voting agent, the postal voting statement must be marked rejection objected to or gwrthwynebwyd y gwrthodiad. Accredited observers and representatives of the Commission cannot make objections.

Stage 3.



Stage 4.

Matching up separated documents



Check the two rejection lists against all ballot papers/postal voting statements that have been returned separately from their corresponding postal voting statement/ballot paper and, if possible, match them up. Record any successful match on the lists.



The two lists must be taken to the final opening of postal votes to carry out any final matching



Place the ballot papers that are no longer to be treated as provisionally rejected in the postal ballot box or appropriate receptacle and place the accompanying postal voting statements in the appropriate receptacle.

Stage 5.

