Application to vote by proxy at a particular election

How do I apply to vote by proxy?

1. You must ask someone who is willing and able to be your proxy and vote on your behalf. Please note that a person can only be the proxy for close relatives and up to two other people at the same election.
2. Fill in the proxy vote application form. You must give a reason why you want to vote by proxy, for example you may be abroad on holiday on election day.
3. Make sure **you** complete all sections of the form and supply your date of birth and signature.
4. Return your form as soon as possible to the address shown below.

East Cambridgeshire District Council
Electoral Registration Officer
East Cambridgeshire District Council
The Grange, Nutholt Lane
Ely,Cambs
CB7 4EE

Please **do not** return your form to the Electoral Commission. **Please note:** your application form must arrive at your electoral registration office by 5pm **11 working days** before an election when changing or cancelling an existing proxy, postal or postal proxy vote and by 5pm **6 working days** before an election when applying for a new proxy vote.

Voting by proxy

If you cannot vote at an election in person, you can apply to vote by proxy (someone else voting on your behalf). You can use this form to apply to vote by proxy for one particular election only.

What happens after I've returned this form?

- Your proxy must go to **your** local polling station to vote. If your proxy cannot get to the polling station, they can apply to vote for you by post. They can apply to do this by 5pm **11 working days** before election day. They should contact the electoral registration office for more details.
- Your proxy will be sent a proxy poll card, telling them where and when to vote on your behalf.
- You should let your proxy know how you want them to vote on your behalf, for example, which candidate or which party.
- If it turns out that you are able to go to the polling station on election day, you can vote in person as long as your proxy has not already done so and has not applied to vote for you by post.
- You will need to give your date of birth and signature on this application form. This information is needed to prevent fraud. If you are unable to sign this form, please contact your Electoral Registration Officer.

Voting as proxy

A person can only be a proxy for close relatives and up to two other people at an election.

Close relatives are the spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild of the applicant.

The proxy must be eligible to vote.

More information

If you have any questions about voting by proxy, go to **www.aboutmyvote.co.uk** or contact your electoral registration office.

In England and Wales, the electoral registration office is based at your local council. In Scotland, it may be a separate office.

For contact details, go to **www.aboutmyvote.co.uk**

This form does not apply in Northern Ireland. Visit **www.eoni.org.uk** for more information.

The Electoral Commission

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Only one person can apply to vote by proxy using this form. Please write in black ink and use **BLOCK LETTERS**. When you have completed every section and signed the form yourself, send it to your electoral registration office. You can get the address at **www.aboutmyvote.co.uk**

1 About you

Surname

First names (in full)

Your address (where you are registered to vote)

Postcode

Daytime telephone or mobile number (optional)

E-mail address (optional)

2 About your proxy

Full name

Relationship to you (if any)

Full address

Postcode

3 At which election do you want a proxy vote?

I want to vote by proxy at all election(s) held on:

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4 Why do you want a proxy vote?

Please explain why you are not able to go to your polling station on election day:

5 Your date of birth and declaration

Declaration: I have asked the person I have named as my proxy and confirm that he/she is willing and able to be appointed to vote on my behalf.

As far as I know, the details on this form are true and accurate. I understand that to provide false information on this form is an offence, punishable on conviction by imprisonment of up to 2 years and/or a fine.

Date of birth: Please write your date of birth 'DD MM YYYY' in the black boxes below, **using black ink**.

Signature: Sign below, keeping within the grey border.

If you are unable to sign this form, please contact your Electoral Registration Officer.

6 Date of application

Today's date

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