



Voting By Proxy

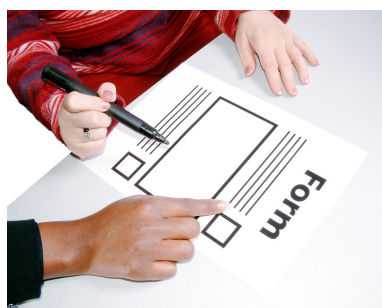
This section explains how you can apply to vote by proxy
(this means someone votes on behalf of someone else)

Voting by proxy

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 new form to choose who will vote for you.

This person can visit your polling station or apply for a postal vote in order to vote on your behalf. They must vote for the person or people you want to vote for.



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.

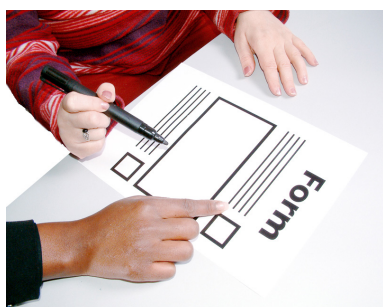
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You will be sent a form called 'Application to vote by proxy due to disability'. The form will be very similar to the voter registration form.

The deadline to apply for a proxy vote will be updated on our website before an election

When you fill out your proxy form you will need complete:



- Your name
- 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 choose to apply to vote by proxy until further notice. This means you will vote by proxy until you say that you don't want to vote by proxy anymore.

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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.

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



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

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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

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



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