



## How do I apply to vote by post?

- 1** Fill in the postal vote application form.
- 2** Make sure **you** complete all sections of the form and supply your date of birth and signature.
- 3** Return your form to your local electoral registration office. You can find their details at [www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk).

Only electors who are (or will be) registered individually are entitled to apply to vote by post. Contact your Electoral Registration Officer at the address above for further information.

Please **do not** return your form to The Electoral Commission. **Please note:** You must return your postal vote application form by 5pm, **11 working days** before an election or referendum. If you are not already registered to vote, your application to register must have reached the Electoral Registration Officer by midnight, **12 working days** before the poll.

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## Voting by post

You can apply to vote by post for a particular election or referendum\*, for a set period of time or for all future polls. Postal votes can be sent out to addresses in the UK and abroad.

## What happens after I've returned this form?

- When an election or referendum is going to be held, your ballot paper will be sent to you in the post. Remember, your ballot paper may not be sent out until four working days before the poll.
- If your ballot paper does not arrive by this time, contact the Returning Officer at your local council for a replacement. The Returning Officer can only issue replacements up to 5pm on polling day.
- You will need to give your date of birth and signature on this application form, and again when you use your postal vote. This information is needed to prevent fraud. If you are unable to sign this form, please contact your Electoral Registration Officer.
- Make sure you return your postal vote so that it arrives by polling day, otherwise it will not be counted. A Freepost envelope is included in your postal ballot pack. But, if you are sending it from overseas, you will need to pay the postage.
- If it is too late to send your vote back by post, you can hand it in on polling day to the returning officer at your local council, or drop it off at a polling station. For further information contact the Returning Officer.

\* By referendum we mean Neighbourhood Planning Referendums, Council Tax Referendums, Mayoral & Governance Arrangements Referendums and Local Authority Advisory polls. If you wish to apply to vote by post for a different type of referendum, please contact your Electoral Registration Officer.



## More information

If you need more forms or have any questions about voting by post, go to [www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://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](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk)

This form does not apply in Northern Ireland. Visit [www.eoni.org.uk](http://www.eoni.org.uk) for more information.

Electoral Registration Officers will only use the information you provide for electoral purposes. They will look after personal information securely and will follow the Data Protection Act 1998. Electoral Registration Officers will not give personal information about you to anyone else or another organisation unless they have to by law.

