

Application to vote by emergency proxy, based on occupation, service or employment, at the referendum on independence for Scotland



How do I apply to vote by proxy?

- 1** You must ask someone if they are 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 referendum on independence for Scotland.
- 2** Unless you are registered to vote as a service voter, you may need an appropriate person to sign your application. See notes overleaf for information on who can support your application and when this is required.
- 3** Make sure **you** complete all sections of the form and supply your date of birth and signature.
- 4** Return your form to your local electoral registration office. You can find their details at www.aboutmyvote.co.uk

Please **do not** return your form to the Electoral Commission. **Please note:** this form can only be used **after 5pm** on **Wednesday 3 September 2014** and must arrive at your electoral registration office **before 5pm** on **Thursday 18 September 2014**.

This form can only be used for the referendum on independence for Scotland.

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Voting by proxy

If you are not able to attend the polling station in person for reasons relating to your occupation, service or employment, and you only become aware of this after 5pm on Wednesday 3 September 2014, you can apply to vote by emergency proxy (someone else voting on your behalf). You can apply up until 5pm on Thursday 18 September 2014.

This form should not be used if an order has been made against you under Sections 53, 54, 57(2) (a) or (b), 57A(2) or 58 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995, or if a direction has been made against you under Section 136 of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act or section 59A of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995.

Who can support my application?

If you are applying for a proxy vote before Thursday 11 September 2014, you do not need to have your application supported.

However, if you are applying for a proxy vote on or after Thursday 11 September 2014, your application must be supported.

■ “I’m self-employed, who can support my application?”

A person aged 18 years or over who knows you and is not your spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild.

■ “I’m employed, who can support my application?”

Your employer or another authorised person at your workplace.

■ “I am registered as a service voter, who can support my application?”

You do not need support for your application if either:

- You are a member of the Armed Forces, a Crown Servant or a British Council employee and are registered as a service voter.
- Your spouse or civil partner is a member of the Armed Forces, a Crown Servant or a British Council employee and you are registered as a service voter.
- You will be 16 or 17 on 18 September 2014, your parent or guardian is a member of the Armed and Forces, a Crown Servant or a British

Council employee and you are registered as a service voter.

If you are registered as an ordinary elector, you will need support from your employer or another authorised person at your workplace.

What happens after I’ve returned this form?

- Your proxy must go to **your** polling station to vote on your behalf.
- You should tell your proxy which referendum outcome you want them to vote for on your behalf.
- Your local election office will tell your proxy when and where to vote on your behalf.
- 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 the referendum.

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

The proxy does not need to be registered to vote in the referendum but must be 16 or over on 18 September 2014 and must be a British, Irish, other European Union or qualifying Commonwealth citizen.

More information

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

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

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1 About you

Surname

First names (in full)

Your current full address

Postcode or BFPO

Your correspondence address (if different)

Daytime telephone or mobile number (optional)

E-mail address (optional)

2 Appointment of proxy

Full name

Relationship to you (if any)

Full address

Postcode

3 Your employment details and reason you can't vote in person

Please fill in Section A if you are self-employed, Section B if you are employed, or Section C if you are a service voter.

A – Self-Employed

I am self-employed as (give job title):

I am not able to go to the polling station on 18 September 2014 for the following reason related to my occupation:

B – Employed

I am employed by (give employer's name and address)

As (give job title):

I am not able to go to the polling station on 18 September 2014 for the following reason related to my employment:

C – Service voter

Tick the type of service voter that applies:

I am a member of the Armed Forces

I am a Crown servant

I am a British Council employee

I am the spouse or civil partner of one of the above

I will be 16 or 17 on 18 September 2014 and my parent or guardian is one of the above

I am not able to go to the polling station on 18 September 2014 for the following reason relating to my service (or that of my spouse, civil partner, parent, guardian, or the spouse or civil partner of my parent or guardian):

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4 When did you become aware of the reason?

Time _____

Date

D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y

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.

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

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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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Note: If you are applying for a proxy vote before Thursday 11 September 2014, or are registered to vote as a service voter, you do not need support for your application.

7 Supporter's declaration (if self-employed)

Read the notes to see who can support this application and when this is required. Please ask the person who is supporting your application to give their name and address.

Supporter's full name _____

Supporter's address _____

Postcode _____

Declaration:

- I am aged 18 years or over
- I know the applicant
- I am not the spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild of the applicant
- I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the applicant's statements in Parts 3 and 4 are true

Signature _____

Date

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8 Employer's declaration (if employed)

Read the notes to see who can support this application and when this is required. Please ask the person who is authorised to support your application to give their name, address and position.

Supporter's full name

Supporter's address

Postcode

Supporter's position with the employer

Declaration:

- I am the applicant's employer or an employee with authority to act for the employer
- I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the applicant's statements in Parts 3 and 4 are true

Signature

Date

D	D	M	M	Y	Y	Y	Y