

# Application to vote by post for a British citizen living overseas

**Only one person can register using this form.** Please write in black ink and use **BLOCK LETTERS**. When you have filled in every section and signed the form yourself, send it to the local electoral registration office.

## 1 About you

Surname

First name(s) (in full)

The address where you were registered to vote in the UK

Postcode

Daytime telephone or mobile number (optional) (including country codes)

E-mail address (optional)

## 2 About your postal vote

I want to vote by post at all elections (tick one box only):

until further notice (permanent postal vote)

for the elections to be held on

for the period from

to

## FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Polling District:

Date received:

Elector No:

Date added:

## 3 Address for ballot paper

Please send my ballot paper to (tick one box only):

my address where I am registered to vote (see part 1)

the following address (reason required)

Address

Postcode

The reason I would like my ballot paper sent to this address, rather than my registered address is:

## 4 Your date of birth and declaration

Declaration: 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 6 months and/or a fine.

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.

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## 6 Date of application

Today's date

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

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## How do I apply to vote by post?

1. Fill in the proxy 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 as soon as possible to one of the addresses shown below.

**Please note:** your application form must arrive at your electoral registration office at least **11 working days** before the election.

## Voting by post

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

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

- When an election is going to be held, your ballot paper will be sent to you in the post. Remember, it may not be sent out until three working days before election day. This may not allow enough time for you to return your ballot paper before voting closes, so voting by post may not be the best way for you to vote. You may want to consider voting by proxy (someone else voting for you).
- If it does not arrive by this time, contact the returning officer at your local council. You must do this by 5pm on election 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 tackle fraud.
- Make sure you return your postal vote so that it arrives by election day, otherwise it will not be counted. 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 election day to the returning officer at your local council, drop it off at a polling station in your constituency or, if you are voting in a local election, drop it off at any polling station in your ward.
- Your postal vote will be mixed with all the others before counting begins, so your vote will be kept secret.

## More Information

If you have any questions about registering to vote or about postal or proxy voting, contact the electoral registration office at one of the addresses shown below, or telephone Freefone 0800 393783.

Moray House, 16-18 Bank Street  
Inverness IV1 1QY

Robertson House, Greenhill Street  
Dingwall IV15 9QR

3A Bridge Street  
Wick KW1 4AG

42 Point Street  
Stornoway HS1 2XF