

Voting by Proxy

- **Who can apply for a proxy vote?**

You can only apply for a long-term proxy vote if you have a specific reason such as a disability or being overseas.

To vote by proxy for just one election, you must have a reason, for example you will be on holiday or away due to work.

If you are suddenly incapacitated or taken ill, you can apply to vote by proxy for medical reasons up until 5pm on polling day.

To download an application form to vote by proxy, visit our website.

- **A relative or a friend has been suddenly incapacitated or taken ill. Can I vote on their behalf?**

You can apply to vote by emergency proxy for medical reasons up until 5pm on polling day.

For application form to vote by emergency proxy, call 01508 533704.

- **How do I get a proxy vote?**

You can apply for a new proxy up until 6 working days prior to an election and you can amend an existing proxy vote at any time before 11 working days prior to polling day. If you are suddenly incapacitated or taken ill, you can apply to vote by proxy for medical reasons up until polling day. All applications must be received before 5pm on the specified day.

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Please note for proxy applications/ amendments to be in force for the May 2011 District and Parish Elections the following deadlines apply

New proxy applications must be received before 5pm on 21 April.

Applications to amend an existing proxy application must be received before 5pm on 14 April.

Medical emergency proxy applications must be received before 5pm on 5 May.

- **Who can be my proxy?**

Anyone who is eligible to vote in the election themselves can be your proxy. However, you can only be a proxy for up to two people who are not members of your immediate family. Your proxy can apply to vote by post on your behalf or vote in person at your polling station.

- **I've been made the proxy for someone. What do I need to do?**

It's very simple to vote as someone's proxy. You will be sent a special proxy poll card with details of which polling station you should go to vote.

If you can't attend the polling place you can vote by post. You must apply for this postal vote before 5pm on the 11th working day before polling day. Contact your us to find out how to do this. Please note if you want a postal vote for the May District & Parish Elections applications for postal votes must have been received before 5pm on Thursday 14 April.

If you are going to the polling station, just tell the staff there that you are voting as a proxy and they will tell you what to do. Don't forget to take your proxy poll card – this will make it easier for polling place staff to find the right ballot paper.

- **What happens after I've applied?**

Your proxy must go to your 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 up to 11 days before election day. Please note if your proxy want a postal vote for the May District & Parish Elections applications for postal votes must have been received before 5pm on Thursday 14 April.

Your proxy will be sent a proxy poll card, telling them where and when to vote.

You must let your proxy know how you want them to vote on your behalf, (which candidate or which party).

If you are able to go to the polling station on election day, you can still vote in person as long as your proxy has not already done so or has not applied to vote by post for you.