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How to vote by post

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How to vote by post



You can vote by post instead of in person if you want to.



To vote by post you need to apply for a postal vote.



You must apply for a postal vote by **Tuesday 21 April 2026.**



First, you must register to vote.



Find out more about registering to vote here: [Who can vote.](#)



You can apply to vote by post for just 1 election.



Or you can apply to vote by post in every Senedd and council election.



To apply for a postal vote, you must fill out this form: gov.uk/government/publications/apply-for-a-postal-vote



You will need to apply for a postal vote again if you move house or change your name.

You will need to:



- Give your full name.



- Give the address where you are registered to vote.



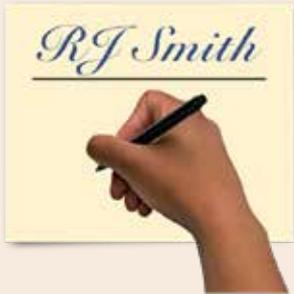
- Give your date of birth.



- Say if you want to vote by post in 1 election or all elections.



- Give the address you want your postal vote sent to. If this is different to where you live, you need to say why you want it sent somewhere else.



- Sign the form.



Your form will be checked. If there are any problems, you will be told.

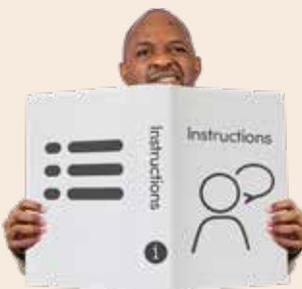
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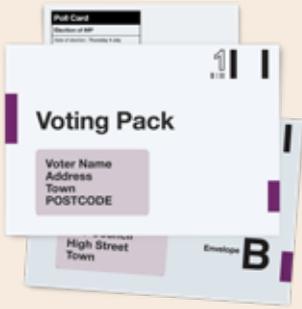
When you are registered to vote by post, you will get a postal voting pack.



This will be sent to you a few weeks before the election.



Follow the instructions in the voting pack.



The pack will include:

- The ballot paper – this is the paper you use to mark your vote.
- A postal voting statement – this is a form, you will need to write your name, date of birth and signature. It also explains how to use the postal voting pack.
- 2 envelopes.



You have 1 vote.



Vote for your chosen candidate or political party by placing an X in the box next to their name.



Post your vote in a post box or at the post office. You do not need a stamp.



You can ask someone you trust to post it for you. Do not let anyone else use your postal vote.

When to vote by post



It is best to send your postal vote as soon as you can.



But you must make sure your vote **arrives by 10pm** on election day to make sure it is counted.



You can take your postal vote to a **polling station** on election day. It will be open from 7am until 10pm.



A **polling station** is the place you go to vote.



Polling stations are usually in places like libraries, schools, and community centres.

Is voting by post safe?



Yes – voting by post is safe.



Your postal vote will be checked to make sure it is you that filled it in.



Your vote is private. No one will see who you vote for.

Can I change my mind about voting by post?



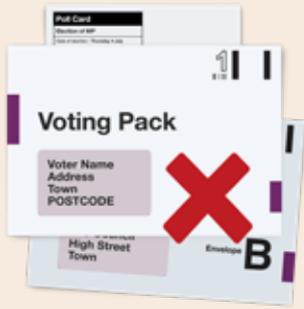
If you decide not to vote by post, you can cancel your postal vote.



Tell your council you want to cancel it before **5pm on 21 April 2026**.



You can find your council's contact details here: [gov.uk/contact-electoral-registration-office](https://www.gov.uk/contact-electoral-registration-office)



You cannot cancel your postal vote if it has already been sent to you.



Instead, you can wait until election day and use your postal vote at a polling station.

What to do if your postal voted does not arrive



You should get your postal vote by **30 April 2026**.

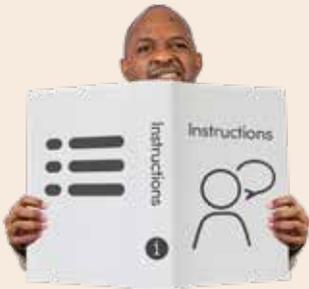


If you think your postal vote should have arrived, talk to your council to check.



You can find your council's contact details here: [gov.uk/contact-electoral-registration-office](https://www.gov.uk/contact-electoral-registration-office)

What if I make a mistake?



Follow the instructions in your postal voting pack.



If you think you made a mistake after you have sent it, speak to your local council.



You can find your council's contact details here:
[gov.uk/contact-electoral-registration-office](https://www.gov.uk/contact-electoral-registration-office)



If you have filled in the statement correctly and it arrives back in time, it will be counted.



If you have any questions about voting by post, speak to your council.