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How to proxy vote

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How to proxy vote



Proxy voting means asking someone you trust to vote for you at your **polling station**.



A **polling station** is where you go to vote.



The person you ask is called your proxy.



You will need to tell your proxy who you want to vote for. They will mark your ballot paper for you.



You must apply for a proxy vote by 5pm on Tuesday 28 April 2026.



You can ask someone to be your proxy if you cannot get to your polling station on election day. **This may be because:**



- You know you will be busy or away from home.



- Your polling station is not accessible to you – for example, there is no ramp for wheelchair users.
- ent candidates are people who do not belong to a political party.



You can check if your polling station is accessible here: [Polling station finder](#)

Applying for a proxy vote



First, you must register to vote.



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

You can apply for a proxy vote for every election if:



- You are disabled.



- You live overseas.



- You are a student.



- You work in a certain job.



- You are registered as an **anonymous voter** – this means your name and address do not appear on the **electoral register**.



The **electoral register** is a list of all registered voters.



You can find out more about registering as an anonymous voter here: [Who can vote](#)



When you ask for a proxy vote, you need to give:

- Your full name
- The address where you are registered to vote
- Your signature
- Your date of birth
- The full name and address of your proxy – the person voting for you
- The reason you want a proxy vote
- Confirm that your proxy is willing and able to vote for you
- Information about whether your proxy is a family member
- The date you are applying for a proxy vote



To apply for a proxy vote, click here: [gov.uk/
government/publications/apply-to-vote-by-proxy-at-
a-particular-election-or-referendum](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-to-vote-by-proxy-at-a-particular-election-or-referendum)

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You will give the name of your proxy when you apply to vote by proxy.



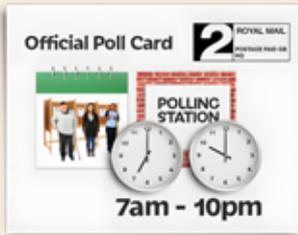
Your proxy will go to the polling station on election day.



They must vote for you at the polling station named on **your** poll card.



Poll cards are sent to all registered voters. It will be sent to you, even if you have a proxy.



They are small cards that say what date the election is and where your polling station is.



You can also find your polling station here: [Polling station finder](#)



When your proxy is at your polling station, they will need to give your name and their name.



They will then vote for you in the normal way. You will need to tell them who you want to vote for.



Find out more here: [How to vote at a polling station](#)

Is proxy voting safe?



Yes. You will choose someone you trust. You will tell them who you want to vote for.

Can I change my mind?



If you change your mind, you can still vote yourself at your polling station. As long as your proxy has not already voted for you.



If you change your mind about who you want to be your proxy, you need to contact your council.



If you have any questions about proxy voting, contact your council.



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

Emergency Proxy



You can ask for an **emergency proxy vote** by 5pm on election day.



You can only get an emergency proxy if something has happened **after** the deadline for asking for a proxy vote.



The deadline for the 2026 Senedd election is: **5pm on Tuesday 28 April 2026.**

You can ask for an emergency proxy if you:



- Have a medical emergency – for example you are in hospital.



- Are disabled.



- Are away for work.



Contact your council if you need an emergency proxy.



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