

## 6 Absent vote application form for an Overseas elector

Please complete EITHER the section relating to voting by post OR those relating to voting by proxy in **BLACK INK and BLOCK CAPITALS** and return the whole application form.

### UK registration address

### Proxy voting – who will be voting on your behalf?

Name (in full)

Address

Relationship to you (if any)

### About you

First name(s)

Surname

Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss, Dr, Other)

### Proxy's Declaration (if your proxy is signing)

I am capable and willing to be appointed to vote as the applicant's proxy.

**Signature:**

**Date:**

Tick this box if you would like to cast your proxy vote by post. We will send you an application form.

### Postal address for ballot paper

### Your Date of Birth

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Day

Month

Year

### Notes on completing this page

Insert your name and address if necessary, then give EITHER the address to which you require the ballot paper to be posted OR the details of the person you wish to vote on your behalf as proxy.

Give your date of birth and sign your declaration. Your proxy may also sign their declaration, but this is not a requirement if you have confirmed their willingness to act on your behalf.

### Your Declaration

As far as I know, the details on this form are true and accurate. \*I have asked the person named above who is willing and able to vote for me as my proxy\*. (delete between \* and \* if voting by post)

**Sign within the border using BLACK INK**

I cannot supply a signature because

**Date:**

If you asked someone to help you complete this form, please give their name and address below:

## How to fill in the absent vote application

In order to vote you must either appoint someone to vote on your behalf (this is known as a proxy) or you must apply for a postal vote. If you are able to return to the area in the United Kingdom where you are registered on polling day then you need not complete the application. Your vote will be cast in the constituency which covers the address where you were last registered as an elector in the UK (or where a parent or guardian was registered).

**If you choose to vote by post you should bear in mind that postal votes can only be despatched eleven days before polling day at the earliest. Therefore your ballot paper may not reach you in time for you to return it before the close of poll.**

If you choose to vote by proxy, your proxy must be:

- ~ willing and allowed to vote on your behalf
- ~ a British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or of the Republic of Ireland
- ~ old enough to vote
- ~ not subject to any legal incapacity to vote

A proxy may not vote at the same election in any constituency for more than two people unless they are a close relative (husband, wife, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild) of the people they are voting for.

If you have consulted your proxy and can confirm that he or she is willing and is allowed to act for you, then only you need sign in the space provided. Insert your date of birth and send the whole form to the electoral registration officer.

If you are not yet sure whom you wish to appoint as proxy, or if you are not sure if your chosen proxy is willing to act for you, detach and retain the absent vote application form. Sign it and send it to your proxy later. Ask him or her to sign it as well, and to send it on to the electoral registration officer. You will need to tell your proxy where to send the form, so indicate which of the following by ticking the appropriate box.

Braintree District Council Electoral Services Causeway House Bocking End Braintree Essex	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Electoral Registration Officer ( <i>Borough (if London)</i> ) Town or City County United Kingdom
↓↓ <i>complete below if necessary</i> ↓↓		
The Chief Electoral Officer St Anne's House 15 Church Street Belfast BT1 1ER Northern Ireland	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____ _____ _____

Your proxy may wish to vote by post if he or she unable to vote on your behalf at your polling station or just prefers to vote by post. If this is the case then the relevant box in the Proxy's Declaration should be ticked. Alternatively your proxy may, at any time, ask the Electoral Registration Officer for an application to vote by post. If your proxy wishes to vote in person at the polling station then he / she should not enter an 'address for ballot paper'.

**If you intend to return the absent vote application separately, enter your own details in the space provided. You must sign it whether you are sending it with the rest of the form or separately.**

**If you choose to vote by proxy you are strongly advised to appoint a proxy as soon as possible. Do not leave it until shortly before an election, since it may be difficult to confirm the proxy's appointment in time for your vote to be cast.**