

Application to vote by post or proxy for an indefinite period on the grounds of employment, occupation or service

If you are unable to go to your polling station to vote at an election because of your or your spouse's/civil partner's occupation, service or employment and that is likely to last for at least two years, you can use this form to apply to vote by post or to appoint a proxy to vote on your behalf. Please read these notes carefully before completing the form. If you have any questions please phone your local Area Electoral Office (contact details below).

Completing the application form

1 Complete your personal details. The information you provide and your signature will be compared with the information previously given on your registration form to check that they correspond. **If you are unable to sign this form you should consider appointing a proxy as your signature will be needed at a later stage in the processing of a postal vote.**

2 Provide the reason for the application and tick the relevant box.

Please ensure you provide sufficient detail to support your application or your application may be refused.

Choose to vote by post or proxy.

3 **Voting by post.** Tick the box if you want your ballot paper sent to you at your registered address given at Section 1. If you want your ballot paper to be sent to a different address than your registered address, you must provide a reason for this.

Note: If you apply to vote by post and your application is approved you will **not** be able to vote at a polling station unless you cancel your postal vote.

4 **Voting by proxy.** If you want someone else to vote on your behalf you must appoint him/her and provide his/her details. Your proxy must be aged 18 or over and a British, Irish, European or Commonwealth citizen.

A person can only vote as proxy for close relatives and up to two other people at an election. Your proxy can go to your polling station to vote, or they can apply to vote by post. If your proxy requires a postal vote please contact us for guidance.

5 Sign the form to verify that the information provided is correct. If you are unable to sign please see note 1.

6 The form must be attested to verify that the reason you have given for requiring a postal or proxy vote is correct.

If you or your spouse/civil partner is self-employed, Declaration A must be completed by someone who:

- (a) is aged 18 or over;
- (b) knows you but is not related to you (i.e. not your spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild);

If you or your spouse/civil partner is employed by an employer, Declaration B must be completed by either:

- (a) the employer; or
- (b) a person who has been authorised to attest the application by the employer.

Returning the form

Return the completed form with any supporting documents to your local Area Electoral Office. A list of offices can be found on our website.

More information

You can contact us in one of the following ways:

Area Office contact numbers:

Ballymena Office	028 9044 6600
Banbridge Office	028 9044 6610
Belfast Office	028 9044 6680
Derry/Londonderry Office	028 9044 6620
Newtownabbey Office	028 9044 6630
Newtownards Office	028 9044 6640
Omagh Office	028 9044 6650

Email: info@eoni.org.uk
Website: www.eoni.org.uk

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Please read the notes carefully before filling in this form.
Please write in black ink and use BLOCK LETTERS.

Making a false statement on this form is a criminal offence.

1 About you

Surname

First Name

Middle Name(s)

Address where you are currently registered in Northern Ireland:

Post Code

Date of Birth / /

National Insurance No.

Tick this box if you have never had a National Insurance Number

Telephone Number (in case of query)

Email address (in case of query)

2 Reason for this application

Complete **either Section 2a or Section 2b** below, then **complete Section 2c**.

2a. Self-employment

I am applying for an indefinite postal/proxy vote because I am/my spouse/civil partner (delete as appropriate) is self-employed.

Insert self-employment occupation below

2b. Employment by an employer

I am applying for an indefinite postal/proxy vote because I am/my spouse/civil partner (delete as appropriate) is employed by an employer.

Insert name of employer below

Insert position held below

2c. Reason for application

I cannot reasonably be expected to go to my allocated polling station because (give reason below).

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PD/ENO	DATE
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

3 Application to vote by post

Tick this box if you wish to vote by post and you want the ballot paper sent to the address at Section 1.

If you wish to receive the ballot paper at a different address complete the following section. You must provide a reason for this. The address must be in the UK.

Address

Post Code

Reason why postal vote is to be sent to a different address:

4 Application to vote by proxy

I wish to appoint the following person to act as my proxy (see note 4 on who can be appointed as a proxy). I confirm that I have consulted this person and he/she is willing and able to be appointed to vote on my behalf.

Surname

First Name(s)

Address

Post Code

Proxy's relationship to you (if any):

5 Signature

You must sign this form in the box below. **No one else can sign it for you.** If you cannot sign the form you should consider appointing a proxy.

Signature

Date

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6 Attestation – This section must be completed by another person who can attest that the information you have given is correct. Please see note 6 for guidance about which declaration to complete and who can complete it. **If your application is not attested it will be refused.**

Declaration A

This must be completed where the applicant has stated in Section 2 that they or their spouse/civil partner is unable to vote in person at their polling station due to **self-employment**.

I, (full name of attestor)

certify that:

I am aged 18 or over.

I know (give applicant's name)

but am not his/her spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild.

To the best of my knowledge and belief the information in Section 2 is true.

My address

Post Code

Telephone No.
(in case of query)

Signature

Declaration B

This must be completed where the applicant has stated in Section 2 that they are unable to vote in person at their polling station due to **their employment**. It must be completed by the employer or a person authorised by them to attest the application.

I am the applicant's employer

OR

I have been authorised to attest this application by the employer (insert position in company below)

I certify that:

I am aged 18 or over.

I know (give applicant's name)

but am not his/her spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild.

To the best of my knowledge and belief the information in Section 2 is true.

Full name

Company address

Post Code

Telephone No.
(in case of query)

Signature

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If a 'No' box is ticked initial the relevant section(s) and pass to a supervisor. If all 'Yes' boxes are ticked sign and date the form.

Name as register Yes No

Address as register Yes No

DOB corresponds Yes No

NINO corresponds Yes No

Valid reason for absent vote Yes No

Applicant signature corresponds Yes No

Attestation completed Yes No

Qualification of attestor (if applicable) Yes No

POSTAL VOTE APPLICATION ONLY

Address for postal vote in UK and if not registered address reason given (if applicable) Yes No

Signature

Date