



How To Vote - By Proxy

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Voting By Proxy

You can choose to vote by proxy if you are unable to vote in person, this means someone else can vote on your behalf. You can do this for a set period of time or for all future elections. It must be because:

- You an overseas or service voter
- You have a physical disability
- You are away from home due to work or a course
- You have to travel by air or sea to get to your nearest polling station

In all these cases, except if you are registered blind, you must ask someone to certify on your application that the reason is valid, for example, your doctor or employer.

Who can vote on my behalf?

Anyone can be your proxy vote, as long as they are allowed to vote in UK elections and they are willing to vote for you.

How do I apply to vote by proxy?

Contact the Elections Office and ask for a proxy vote application form. The contact details are printed near the end of this fact sheet.

What happens next?

- Your proxy must go to your allotted polling station to vote on your behalf. If they cannot go, they must apply to vote for you by post. The Elections Office will give you more details on this.
- Your proxy will be sent a proxy poll card before the election telling them which polling station they have to go to.
- You must let your proxy know how you wish them to vote for you – which candidate, which party.
- If you are able to go to the polling station on election day, you can still vote provided your proxy has not already done so or has not applied by post.

It is very important for us to work in partnership with you and other customers. We will listen carefully to your views and what you have to say. We also work closely with other organisations; we believe this is the best way to provide services to you.

Contact Information

Telephone: 0161 911 4712 or 4718

Email: election@oldham.gov.uk

Address: Elections Office, Room 222, Civic centre, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1UL

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

For further information about proxy votes visit www.aboutmyvote.co.uk/

We value your comments and suggestions

We want to provide good quality service for people in Oldham and as we are a public service you have a say in what we do. We want you to be completely satisfied with our services but to ensure this we need to know what you think. What do we do best? Where could we improve things? Do you have any ideas or suggestions? Only by listening to you can we give you the service you deserve.

If you wish to make a comment about our services you can email us on customer.feedback@oldham.gov.uk

or you can phone us on 0161 911 4191

or you can write to us:

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