



This guide explains **how to register to vote by proxy**.

Registering by proxy means that you choose someone to vote on your behalf.

You can find out more about voting on the Mencap website:

**[www.mencap.org.uk/allaboutvoting](http://www.mencap.org.uk/allaboutvoting)**



First, register to vote, either online here at **[www.mencap.org.uk/register tovot e](http://www.mencap.org.uk/register tovot e)** or by completing the electoral registration form.

On the form you will be asked to tick a box if you would like more information about voting by proxy. You should tick this box if you want to register to vote by proxy.

You can also call your local electoral services to say you would like to vote by proxy.

You will be sent a form called 'Application to vote by proxy due to disability'. The form will be very similar to the electoral registration form.

This guide includes the form you will need to fill in to register to vote.

**You need to register to vote every time you move home.**



## Now fill in the following sections

### About You

First, fill out the 'About you' section. You do not have to write your telephone number or your email address.

You will need to write the address where you are registered to vote.



### About Your Proxy

Next, fill out the details of the person you have chosen as proxy.

### How long do you want a proxy vote for?

Next, fill out the 'How long do you want a proxy vote for' section.



You will need to say for how long you would like to vote by proxy.

You can choose to vote by proxy until further notice. This means you will say when you don't want to vote by proxy anymore.

You can choose to vote by proxy for a certain length of time. For example, you could say you only want to vote by proxy between 2014 and 2020.

You can vote by proxy for a specific election. You will need to give the date and the type of election.



## Why do you want a proxy vote?

Next, fill out the 'Why do you want a proxy vote' section.

You can vote by proxy for many reasons including

- You are registered blind
- You get the higher rate of the mobility component of the personal independence payment
- You need to work away from home.

You can also explain why you think you should have a proxy vote. You will need someone to support your explanation.



The following people can support your application:

- A doctor, dentist, pharmacist or nurse
- A social worker
- A manager of a residential care home.

## Need help?

You can find out more about voting on the Mencap website:

[www.mencap.org.uk/allaboutvoting](http://www.mencap.org.uk/allaboutvoting)

If you get stuck or have any questions, you can call the Mencap team on **020 7696 5583**.



