

Proxy Voting - FAQs

1. When is the election?

The General Election will be held on Thursday 8 June 2017.

2. Who is eligible to vote?

British, Irish and Commonwealth citizens will be eligible to vote in this election. European Union citizens (except those from Ireland, Malta and Cyprus) will not be allowed to vote.

3. When is the deadline to register to vote?

Monday 22 May 2017 is the last date that voters may apply to register to vote at the General Election.

4. Who looks after the voting process?

Even though it is a General Election, the electoral services are provided by Merton Council.

5. How do voters know if they are registered to vote?

Merton Council Electoral Services will send a poll card to every qualified voter. This card sets out when, where and how they may vote. If voters have registered to vote by proxy, this will be indicated on the poll card.

6. How does proxy voting work?

If a voter cannot go to your polling station they can apply to vote by proxy, meaning that someone else votes on their behalf. Voting by proxy is especially useful if a voter is overseas and it would be difficult to return their postal vote in time.

7. How does a voter register to vote by proxy?

If a voter wishes to vote by proxy, they must download a proxy application form from the following link:

<http://www.merton.gov.uk/council/voting/howtovote.htm#proxy>

(Page scaling must be set to "None".)

Voters must provide a reason for a proxy application. If applying for a long-term proxy, voters also normally need to have it countersigned. An emergency proxy vote application must be countersigned.

8. What is the deadline to register by proxy vote?

If voters wish to vote by proxy in the General Election on 8 June 2017, they must apply by 5pm on Wednesday 31 May 2017.

9. If voters have registered to vote by proxy, does this apply to all elections?

Voters are able to elect to vote by proxy for a single election on a specific date, for a specific period or on a permanent basis.

10. To whom can voters assign a proxy (to someone to vote on their behalf)?

The person designated as the proxy must be legally able to vote and they cannot vote on behalf of more than two people unless they are closely related to them.

11. Who should voters contact at Merton Council regarding proxy voting?

Electoral Services
Electoral Registration Office
Merton Civic Centre
London Road
Morden
SM4 5DX

If visiting, voters should go to Merton Link main reception. Office hours are 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

If voters prefer to phone, the phone number is 020 8274 4901. During election periods, Merton Council usually staffs this line 'outside of normal visiting times'. (Unfortunately, Merton Council does not publish the exact hours.) The fax number is 020 8545 3249.

The email address is electoral.services@merton.gov.uk.

12. What hours will the polling station be open?

Normal polling hours are 7am until 10pm. The hours will be printed on the polling card that voters receive in the post.

Sources:

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