

*Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 154(2)(b) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.*

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**2014 No. 0000**

**POLICE, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Police and Crime Commissioner Elections (Amendment)  
Order 2014**

*Made* - - - - *\*\*\**

*Coming into force in accordance with article 1*

The Lord President of the Council makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 58(1) and (5) and 154(5) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011(a).

In accordance with section 7(1) and (2)(hc) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000(b), the Lord President of the Council has consulted the Electoral Commission.

In accordance with section 154(2)(b) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, a draft of this Order has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

**Citation, commencement and transition**

**1.**—(1) This Order may be cited as the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections (Amendment) Order 2014.

(2) This article and article 2 (interpretation) come into force on the day after the day on which this Order is made.

(3) Article 3 (application of 2004 Regulations) comes into force on 22nd May 2014.

(4) Articles 4, 6(2)(b), 7(b), 9, 10 and 47(b) (amendments consequential on Part 1 of the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013) come into force on 10th June 2014.

(5) The remainder of the Order comes into force on 6th April 2014 but does not apply for the purposes of a PCC election in respect of which the date of the poll specified in the notice of election is on or before 21st May 2014.

**Interpretation**

**2.** In this Order—

“the 2004 Regulations” means the Representation of the People (Combination of Polls) (England and Wales) Regulations 2004(c);

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(a) 2011 c.13; sections 58 and 154 were amended by the Transfer of Functions (Elections) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/268).

(b) 2000 c.41; section 7(2)(hc) was inserted by paragraphs 8 and 11 of Schedule 10 to the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

(c) S.I. 2004/294, as amended by S.I. 2006/3278, 2007/1025 and 2012/1917.

“the 2012 Order” means the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections Order 2012<sup>(a)</sup> and, unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to a numbered article or Schedule is to the article or Schedule so numbered in the 2012 Order;

“the 2014 Regulations” means the Representation of the People (Combination of Polls) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014<sup>(b)</sup>;

“PCC election” means an election of a police and crime commissioner in accordance with Chapter 6 of Part 1 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011;

“notice of election” means a notice given under rule 4 of Schedule 3 to the 2012 Order.

### **Application of 2004 Regulations to PCC elections**

**3.**—(1) The amendments made by the 2014 Regulations to the 2004 Regulations have effect in relation to a PCC election as they have effect in relation to an election or referendum within paragraphs (a) to (d) of the definition of “relevant election or referendum” in paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the 2004 Regulations.

(2) Accordingly, the amendments made by the 2012 Order to the 2004 Regulations have effect in relation those Regulations as amended by the 2014 Regulations.

### **Amendments to the 2012 Order**

**4.**—(1) In article 4 (effect of register of electors), in paragraph (4)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (b), for the words from “is not” to “was not” substitute “is not or was not at any particular time”;

(b) in sub-paragraph (c), for the words from “is, or” to “was,” substitute “is or was at any particular time”.

(2) In that article, omit paragraph (5).

**5.** In article 8(2) (effect of registration appeals), after “13A(2)” insert “, 13AB(2)”.

### **Amendments to Schedule 1 to the 2012 Order**

**6.**—(1) In Schedule 1 (supply of register), in paragraph 1 (supply of free copy of register for electoral purposes and restrictions on use), in sub-paragraph (1)(a), after “1983 Act” insert “or under the Electoral Registration (Postponement of 2013 Annual Canvass) Order 2013<sup>(c)</sup>”.

(2) In that paragraph, in sub-paragraph (1)(b)—

(a) after “section 13A(2)” insert “, 13AB(2)”;

(b) for “13B(3), (3B) or (3D) or 13BB(4) or (5)” substitute “13B(3), (3B) or (3D)”.

**7.** In Schedule 1, in paragraph 2(1)(b) (supply on request and specific restrictions) —

(a) after “section 13A(2)” insert “, 13AB(2)”;

(b) for “13B(3), (3B) or (3D) or 13BB(4) or (5)” substitute “13B(3), (3B) or (3D)”.

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(a) S.I. 2012/1917, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

(b) S.I. xxxx/yyyy.

(c) S.I. 2013/794.

## **Amendments to Schedule 2 to the 2012 Order**

**8.** In Schedule 2 (absent voting), in paragraph 1 (manner of voting at PCC elections), after sub-paragraph (5), insert—

“(5A) In sub-paragraph (5), a reference to a constable includes a person designated as a community support officer under section 38 of the Police Reform Act 2002 (police powers for civilian staff)(a).”

**9.** In Schedule 2, in paragraph 5 (proxies at PCC elections: appointment), for sub-paragraph (3)(b) substitute—

“(b) the person is or will be registered in the register of electors(b) for any area of Great Britain or Northern Ireland.”

**10.** In Schedule 2, in paragraph 6 (proxies at PCC elections: entitlement to vote), for sub-paragraph (3)(b) substitute—

“(b) the person is or will be registered in the register of electors for any area of Great Britain or Northern Ireland.”

**11.—(1)** In Schedule 2, paragraph 14 (additional requirements: applications for the appointment of a proxy in respect of a particular PCC election) is amended as follows.

(2) In sub-paragraph (4), for “paragraph 3” substitute “paragraph 3(2)”.

(3) After sub-paragraph (5) insert—

“(5A) Where an application under paragraph 3(2)—

(a) is made on grounds relating to the applicant’s occupation, service or employment; and

(b) is made after 5 p.m. on the sixth day before the date of the poll at the PCC election for which it is made,

the requirements of paragraph 15A apply to the matters to be specified and as to attestation.

(4) In sub-paragraph (6), for “paragraph 3” substitute “paragraph 3(2)”.

**12.** In Schedule 2, after paragraph 15 insert—

### **“Additional requirements referred to in paragraph 14(5A)**

**15A.—(1)** This paragraph applies to an application to vote by proxy which is made in the circumstances set out in paragraph 14(5A).

(2) The application must (in addition to providing the information required by paragraph 14(2) and (3)) state—

(a) where the applicant is self-employed, that fact;

(b) where the applicant is employed, the name of the applicant’s employer;

(c) that the reason provided in accordance with paragraph 14(3) relates to the applicant’s occupation, service or employment; and

(d) the date on which the applicant became aware of that reason.

(3) Sub-paragraphs (4), (5) and (6) apply unless the applicant is or will be registered as a service voter.

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(a) 2002 c.30; section 38 was amended by section 120 of, paragraphs 179 and 181 of Schedule 4 to, and Part 2 of Schedule 17 to, the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c.15), section 7 of and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 5 to the Police and Justice Act 2006 (c.48), paragraph 125 of Schedule 7 and Part 13 of Schedule 8 to the Policing and Crime Act 2009 (c.26) and paragraphs 277 and 292 of Schedule 16 to the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c.13).

(b) “register of electors” is defined in article 2 of S.I. 2012/1917.

- (4) The application must be attested and signed—
  - (a) where the applicant is self-employed, by a person who—
    - (i) is aged 18 years or over;
    - (ii) knows the applicant; and
    - (iii) is not related to the applicant,
  - (b) where the applicant is not self-employed, by the applicant’s employer or by another employee to whom this function is delegated by the employer.
- (5) The person attesting an application under sub-paragraph (4) (the “attestor”) must certify that the statements required by sub-paragraph (2) and the information required by paragraph 14(3) are true to the best of the attestor’s knowledge and belief.
- (6) The attestor must also state—
  - (a) the attestor’s name and address; and
  - (b) if the attestor is attesting where the applicant is self-employed, that the attestor is aged 18 years or over, and that the attestor knows, but is not related to, the applicant; or
  - (c) if the attestor is attesting as or on behalf of the employer of the applicant, that the attestor is the employer or the position the attestor holds in the employment of that employer.
- (7) For the purposes of this paragraph—
  - (a) one person (‘A’) is related to another (‘B’) if A is the spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild of B;
  - (b) “service voter” means a person who has made a service declaration in accordance with section 15 of the 1983 Act<sup>(a)</sup> and is registered or entitled to be registered in pursuance of it.”

**13.—**(1) In Schedule 2, paragraph 16 (closing date for applications) is amended as follows.

- (2) In sub-paragraph (1), omit “or (5)”.
- (3) In sub-paragraph (2) omit “or (5)(b)”.
- (4) After sub-paragraph (2)(a) insert—
  - “(aa) on grounds relating to the applicant’s occupation, service or employment and the applicant became aware of those grounds after 5 p.m. on the sixth day before the date of the poll at the election for which it is made, or”.
- (5) In sub-paragraph (3), after “3(1)”, insert “, 3(5)”.
- (6) After sub-paragraph (4) insert—
  - “(4A) Sub-paragraph (4B) applies to—
    - (a) any application or notice mentioned in sub-paragraphs (1) to (4);
    - (b) any application or notice mentioned in regulation 56 of the 2001 Regulations<sup>(b)</sup> or paragraph 26 of Schedule 2 to the European Parliamentary Elections Regulations 2004<sup>(c)</sup>, that would otherwise have effect in relation to a PCC election by virtue of paragraphs 2 and 4(2)(a) or 4(3)(a).
  - (4B) An application or notice to which this sub-paragraph applies must be disregarded for the purposes of the particular PCC election if, before the application or notice is considered by the registration officer, the elector or proxy has returned a postal ballot paper to the local returning officer (except where it has been returned in accordance with paragraph 41 or 42 (spoilt and lost postal ballot papers)).”

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(a) “the 1983 Act” is defined in article 2 of S.I. 2012/1917.

(b) “the “2001 Regulations” is defined in article 2 of S.I. 2012/1917; regulation 56 was amended by S.I. 2001/1700, 2006/752, 2006/2910 and 2013/3198.

(c) S.I. 2004/293; Schedule 2 was substituted by S.I. 2009/186 and paragraph 26 was amended by S.I. 2013/2876.

**14.**—(1) In Schedule 2, in paragraph 20 (absent voting lists: supply of copies etc), after sub-paragraph (5), insert—

“(5A) The registration officer must, on a request made at any time, supply a relevant returning officer (within the meaning of paragraph 1 of Schedule 1) with a copy of the postal voters list, the list of proxies or the proxy postal voters list.”

(2) In that paragraph, in sub-paragraph (6), omit “(a) or (b)”.

**15.** In Schedule 2, in paragraph 26 (the personal identifiers record), in sub-paragraph (3)(a), for “paragraph 50” substitute “paragraph 51”.

**16.** In Schedule 2, in paragraph 28 (interpretation), in the definition of “valid postal voting statement” omit “50 or”.

**17.**—(1) Schedule 2, paragraph 30 (form of postal voting statement) is amended as follows.

(2) Omit sub-paragraph (3).

(3) In sub-paragraph (4)—

(a) for “In any other case where” substitute “Where”;

(b) at the end insert “, with the addition of the appropriate voting instructions for PCC elections.”

(4) For sub-paragraph (6)(b) substitute—

“(b) the “appropriate voting instructions for PCC elections” are—

(i) where there are three or more candidates—

“Vote by putting a cross [X] in the box

In column 1 next to your first choice candidate

In column 2 next to your second choice candidate

Your first and second choices should be different.”

(ii) where there are two candidates—

“Vote for only one candidate by putting a cross [X] in the box next to your choice.””

(5) In the heading, omit “: poll taken alone or combined with mayoral election only”.

**18.** In Schedule 2, for paragraph 35 (time when postal ballot papers are to be issued) substitute—

**“Time when postal ballot papers etc. are to be issued**

**35.** Postal ballot papers and postal voting statements must be issued by the local returning officer as soon as it is practicable to do so.”

**19.** In Schedule 2, after paragraph 42 insert—

**“Cancellation of postal ballot papers**

**42A.**—(1) Where, after the nineteenth day before the date of the poll at a PCC election the registration officer grants a relevant application or receives a relevant notice, and the application or notice is not to be disregarded for the purposes of that election under paragraph 16, the registration officer must notify the local returning officer who must immediately cancel any postal ballot paper issued to the elector or proxy and, in the case of an application under paragraph 3(5)(a) or 7(6) (postal ballot paper to be sent to different address), must issue a replacement postal ballot paper.

(2) Where a person returns a postal ballot paper that has been or is to be cancelled in accordance with sub-paragraph (1) (whether to the registration officer or the local returning officer), it must be dealt with as follows—

- (a) the ballot paper, together with any other ballot papers, postal voting statements or covering envelopes which are returned to the registration officer, must be given by the registration officer to the local returning officer;
  - (b) any document returned in accordance with this sub-paragraph but not cancelled in accordance with sub-paragraph (1) must be immediately cancelled;
  - (c) the local returning officer, as soon as practicable after receiving and cancelling those documents, must make up those documents in a separate packet and must seal the packet, and if on any subsequent occasion documents are returned in accordance with this sub-paragraph, the sealed packet must be opened, the additional cancelled documents included in it and the packet must be again made up and sealed.
- (3) The local returning officer must enter in a list kept for the purpose of recording postal ballot papers cancelled under this paragraph (“the list of cancelled postal ballot papers”)—
- (a) the name and number of the elector as stated in the register of electors (or, in the case of an elector who has an anonymous entry, their electoral number alone);
  - (b) the number of the cancelled postal ballot paper;
  - (c) the number of any replacement postal ballot paper issued under sub-paragraph (1); and
  - (d) where the postal voter is a proxy, their name and address.
- (4) Paragraphs 36 (except sub-paragraph (2)), 38, 39 and 40 apply to a replacement postal ballot paper issued under sub-paragraph (1).
- (5) For the purposes of this paragraph—
- (a) a relevant application is an application under—
    - (i) paragraph 3(5)(a) (postal ballot paper to be sent to different address),
    - (ii) paragraph 3(5)(b) (voting by proxy by person recorded as voting by post),
    - (iii) paragraph 5(4) (appointment of proxy),
    - (iv) paragraph 7(6) (application from postal proxy voter for postal ballot paper to be sent to different address),
    - (v) a provision mentioned in regulation 78A(1)(a) to (g) of the 2001 Regulations<sup>(a)</sup> that would otherwise have effect in relation to the PCC election by virtue of paragraph 4, or
    - (vi) a provision mentioned in paragraph 54A(1)(a) to (g) of Schedule 2 to the European Parliamentary Elections Regulations 2004<sup>(b)</sup> that would otherwise have effect in relation to the PCC election by virtue of paragraph 4,
  - (b) a relevant notice is a notice under—
    - (i) paragraph 5(6) (cancellation of proxy appointment), or
    - (ii) paragraph 6(10) of Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 2000<sup>(c)</sup> or paragraph 6(9) of Schedule 2 to the European Parliamentary Elections Regulations 2004 that would otherwise have effect in relation to a PCC election by virtue of paragraph 4 of this Schedule.
- (6) In computing the period of nineteen days for the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)—
- (a) a Saturday or Sunday,
  - (b) Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a bank holiday, or
  - (c) a date appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning,
- is to be disregarded.”

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(a) Regulation 78A was inserted by S.I. 2013/3198.  
 (b) Paragraph 54A was inserted by S.I. 2013/2876.  
 (c) 2000 c.2.

**20.** In Schedule 2, in paragraph 45 (postal ballot boxes and receptacles) omit sub-paragraph (5)(b).

**21.—**(1) In Schedule 2, paragraph 48 (opening of covering envelopes) is amended as follows.

(2) Omit sub-paragraphs (2) and (7).

(3) For sub-paragraph (4) substitute—

“(4) The procedure in paragraph 51 applies where a covering envelope (including an envelope to which paragraph 46(2) applies) contains a postal voting statement.”

(4) For sub-paragraph (6) substitute—

“(6) Where a covering envelope does not contain a postal voting statement (whether separately or not) the local returning officer must mark the covering envelope “provisionally rejected”, attach its contents (if any) and place it in the receptacle for rejected votes.”

**22.** In Schedule 2, omit paragraph 50 (procedure in relation to postal voting statements).

**23.—**(1) In Schedule 2, in paragraph 51 (procedure in relation to postal voting statements: personal identifier verification) for sub-paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) This paragraph applies in the circumstances described in paragraph 48(4).”

(2) In that paragraph, in sub-paragraph (3), after “if there is no such envelope” insert “but there is a ballot paper”.

**24.** In Schedule 2, omit paragraph 52 (postal voting statements: additional personal identifier verification).

**25.** In Schedule 2, in paragraph 54(2) (retrieval of cancelled postal ballot papers) —

(a) at the end of paragraph (c) insert “(verification procedure)”;

(b) in paragraph (e), after “41(7)” insert “or 42A(2)”.

**26.—**(1) In Schedule 2, in paragraph 55 (lists of rejected postal ballot papers), in sub-paragraph (1), for “two separate lists of rejected postal ballot papers” substitute “lists relating to rejected postal ballot papers as required by this paragraph”.

(2) In that paragraph, after sub-paragraph (3) insert—

“(4) In the third list, the officer must record, for every postal voting statement in the receptacle for rejected votes (verification procedure) immediately prior to sealing—

(a) the elector’s name and address (and the name and address of the proxy if the elector has a proxy);

(b) the elector’s number on the register of electors (and that of the proxy if the elector has a proxy);

(c) the specified reason or reasons for the rejection of the postal voting statement; and

(d) any other information relating to the rejection that the officer considers appropriate, but not the ballot paper number.

(5) The specified reasons that may be given under sub-paragraph (4)(c) for the rejection of a postal voting statement are as follows—

(a) the signature does not match the example held on the personal identifiers record;

(b) the date of birth does not match the one held on the personal identifiers record;

(c) the signature field is blank; or

(d) the date of birth field is blank.”

**27.** In Schedule 2, in paragraph 57(1) (sealing of packets) —

(a) omit paragraph (b);

(b) in paragraph (d), for “spoilt and lost” substitute “spoilt, lost and cancelled”.

**28.**—(1) In Schedule 2, paragraph 59 (forwarding of documents) is amended as follows.

(2) In sub-paragraph (1)—

(a) in paragraph (a), after “42(5)” insert “, 42A(2)”;

(b) in paragraph (a), at the end, omit “and”;

(c) after paragraph (b) insert—

“(c) any list compiled under paragraph 55(4).”

(3) In sub-paragraph (4), at the end insert “except that in applying those rules the list compiled under paragraph 55(4) must be treated in the same manner as a counted ballot paper”.

**29.** In Schedule 2, after paragraph 59 insert—

#### **“Notification of a rejected postal voting statement**

**59A.**—(1) Where a relevant absent voter appears on the list compiled under paragraph 55(4)—

(a) the registration officer responsible for the personal identifiers record that contains information in respect of the absent voter must notify the absent voter (and the elector if the absent voter is a proxy) that the ballot paper concerned was rejected because the local returning officer was not satisfied that the postal voting statement was duly completed;

(b) the registration officer must send the notification within the period of three months beginning with the date of the poll at which the ballot paper was rejected; and

(c) the notification must include information as to which of the specified reasons referred to in paragraph 55(5) applied to the postal voting statement.

(2) The registration officer is not obliged to send a notification—

(a) to any person who is no longer shown as voting by post in the relevant record at the time the registration officer proposes to send the notification; or

(b) where the registration officer suspects that an offence may have been committed in relation to the postal ballot paper, the postal voting statement or the absent voter’s registration as an elector.

(3) A notification issued under sub-paragraph (1) may also include any other information that the registration officer considers appropriate, but a notification must not include information held on the personal identifiers record.

(4) For the purposes of this paragraph and paragraph 59B, a “relevant absent voter” means an absent voter who—

(a) appears on the postal voters list by virtue of paragraph 4(2)(a), or

(b) appears as a proxy on the list of proxies by virtue of paragraph 4(3)(a).

#### **Requirement to provide fresh signatures following rejection of a postal voting statement**

**59B.**—(1) This paragraph applies where a relevant absent voter is notified under paragraph 59A that the signature does not match the example held on the personal identifiers record, and the absent voter continues to be shown on the record kept under paragraph 3 of Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 2000(a) or paragraph 3 of Schedule 2 to the European Parliamentary Elections Regulations 2004 as voting by post.

(2) Where this paragraph applies, the registration officer may require the absent voter to provide a fresh signature for the personal identifiers record in accordance with regulation

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(a) Paragraph 3 was amended by section 261 of and paragraph 164 of Schedule 27 to the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c.33), sections 10, 14 and 74 of and paragraphs 19, 20 and 137 of Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22) and sections 20 and 34 of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006 (2006 asp 14).



60B(2) to (11) of the 2001 Regulations<sup>(a)</sup> or, as the case may be, paragraph 31B(2) to (11) of Schedule 2 to the European Parliamentary Elections Regulations 2004<sup>(b)</sup>.”

**30.**—(1) In Schedule 2, paragraph 60 (forms) is amended as follows.

(2) For Form 2 (postal voting statement where PCC election taken alone) substitute Form 2 in Schedule 1 to this Order.

(3) Omit Form 3 (combination with mayoral election only: postal voting statement where proceedings on issue and receipt of postal ballot papers combined).

(4) For Form 4 (combination with mayoral election only: postal voting statement where proceedings on issue and receipt of postal ballot papers not combined) substitute Form 4 in Schedule 1 to this Order.

(5) In consequence of the changes made by paragraphs (3) and (4) of this article, in the list of forms at the beginning of paragraph 60—

(a) omit the description of Form 3;

(b) for the description of Form 4 substitute “Postal voting statement where polls are combined but proceedings on issue and receipt of postal ballot papers are not combined”.

(6) For Form 5 (statement of the number of postal ballot papers issued) substitute Form 5 in Schedule 1 to this Order.

#### **Amendments to Schedule 3 to the 2012 Order**

**31.**—(1) In Schedule 3 (the PCC election rules), in rule 1 (timetable), for “Subject to rule 2, the” substitute “The”.

(2) In that rule, for the table substitute—

<i>“Proceeding</i>	<i>Time</i>
Publication of notice of election	Not later than the 25th day before the day of the election
Delivery of nomination papers	Not later than 4 p.m. on the 19th day before the day of the election
Delivery of notices of withdrawals of candidature	Not later than 4 p.m. on the 19th day before the day of the election
Publication of statement of persons nominated	Not later than 4 p.m. on the 18th day before the day of the election
Notice of poll	Not later than the 6th day before the day of the election
Polling	Between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. on the day of the election”

**32.** In Schedule 3, omit rule 2 (modification of timetable for the ordinary election in 2012).

**33.** In Schedule 3, in rule 30 (notices for the guidance of voters), for paragraph (1)(a) substitute—

“(a) notices for the guidance of voters for exhibition in voting compartments at polling stations—

(i) in the form—

“Vote by putting a cross [X] in the box

In column 1 next to your FIRST CHOICE candidate

In column 2 next to your SECOND CHOICE candidate

(a) Paragraph 60B was inserted by S.I. 2013/3198.

(b) Paragraph 31B was inserted by S.I. 2013/2876.

Your first and second choices should be different.”  
in the case of an election with three or more candidates; or  
(ii) in the form—

“Vote for ONLY ONE CANDIDATE by putting a cross [X] in the box next to your choice.”

in the case of an election with two candidates only; and”.

**34.** In Schedule 3, in rule 32 (notification of requirement of secrecy), make the existing provision paragraph (1) and after that paragraph insert—

“(2) In this rule, a reference to a constable includes a person designated as a community support officer under section 38 of the Police Reform Act 2002 (police powers for employees).”

**35.** In Schedule 3, in rule 34 (admission to polling station), after paragraph (5) insert—

“(6) In this rule, a reference to a constable includes a person designated as a community support officer under section 38 of the Police Reform Act 2002 (police powers for employees).”

**36.** In Schedule 3, in rule 39 (voting procedure), after paragraph (6) insert—

“(7) A voter who at the close of the poll is in the polling station, or in a queue outside the polling station, for the purpose of voting shall (despite the close of the poll) be entitled to apply for a ballot paper under paragraph (1); and these rules apply in relation to such a voter accordingly.”

**37.**—(1) In Schedule 3, in rule 49 (procedure at verification of ballot paper accounts), in paragraph (2)(d), omit the words from “in a case where” to “Schedule 2,”.

(2) In that rule, after paragraph (2) insert—

“(2A) A postal ballot paper or postal voting statement that reaches the local returning officer or a polling station on or after the close of the poll is treated for the purposes of paragraph (2) as reaching that officer or polling station before the close of the poll if it is delivered by a person who, at the close of the poll, is in the polling station, or in a queue outside the polling station, for the purpose of returning it.”

**38.**—(1) In Schedule 3, in rule 70, for Forms 11 to 14 (poll cards), 16 (guidance for voters for exhibition in and outside polling station), 17 (certificate of employment on day of poll) and 18 (declaration by companion of voter with disabilities) substitute the corresponding forms in Schedule 2 to this Order.

(2) In that rule, in Form 8B (ballot paper (2 candidates)), omit direction 6 from the directions for printing.

(3) In that rule, omit Form 15 (notice for guidance for voters for exhibition in voting compartment) and omit the description of that form from the list of forms at the beginning of the rule.

#### **Amendments to Schedule 4 to the 2012 Order**

**39.** In Schedule 4 (combination of polls), in paragraph 12 (amendment to Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007) omit sub-paragraph (3).

**40.**—(1) In Schedule 4, in paragraph 25 (notices for the guidance of voters), the substituted rule 30 is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (1) for “(2) or (3) (as the case may be)” substitute “(3)”.

(3) Omit paragraph (2).

(4) In paragraph (3)—

(a) omit “in circumstances other than those described in paragraph (2)”;

- (b) in sub-paragraph (a), after “other election or referendum” insert “, with the addition of the appropriate voting instructions for PCC elections”.

(5) After paragraph (3) insert—

“(3A) For the purposes of this rule, the “appropriate voting instructions for PCC elections” are—

- (a) where there are three or more candidates—

“Vote by putting a cross [X] in the box

In column 1 next to your FIRST CHOICE candidate

In column 2 next to your SECOND CHOICE candidate

Your first and second choices should be different.”;

- (b) where there are two candidates—

“Vote for ONLY ONE CANDIDATE by putting a cross [X] in the box next to your choice.””

**41.** In Schedule 4, in paragraph 27 (notification of requirement of secrecy), in the substituted rule 32, after paragraph (2) insert—

“(3) In this rule, a reference to a constable includes a person designated as a community support officer under section 38 of the Police Reform Act 2002 (police powers for employees).”

**42.** In Schedule 4, in paragraph 31 (voting procedure)—

- (a) for “after paragraph (6)” substitute “after paragraph (7)”;
- (b) renumber the substituted paragraph (7) as paragraph (8).

**43.—**(1) In Schedule 4, in paragraph 33 (voting by persons with disabilities), in sub-paragraph (2) omit “(4A) or”.

(2) In that paragraph, in sub-paragraph (3)—

- (a) omit the inserted paragraph (4A);
- (b) in the inserted paragraph (4B) omit “in circumstances other than those described in paragraph (4A)”.

**44.—**(1) In Schedule 4, in paragraph 39 (procedure at verification of ballot paper accounts), in the substituted rule 49(2)(d), omit the words from “in a case where” to “Schedule 2,”.

(2) In that paragraph, after the substituted rule 49(2) insert—

“(2A) A postal ballot paper or postal voting statement that reaches the relevant returning or counting officer or a polling station on or after the close of the poll is treated for the purposes of paragraph (2) as reaching that officer or polling station before the close of the poll if it is delivered by a person who, at the close of the poll, is in the polling station, or in a queue outside the polling station, for the purpose of returning it.”

**45.—**(1) In Schedule 4, in paragraph 42 (the first count), in sub-paragraph (3), in the substituted rule 52(1B)(d), omit the words from “in a case where” to “Schedule 2,”.

(2) In that sub-paragraph, after the substituted rule 52(1B), insert—

“(1BA) A postal ballot paper or postal voting statement that reaches the local returning officer or a polling station on or after the close of the poll is treated for the purposes of paragraph (2) as reaching that officer or polling station before the close of the poll if it is delivered by a person who, at the close of the poll, is in the polling station, or in a queue outside the polling station, for the purpose of returning it.”

**46.** In Schedule 4, in paragraph 45 (forms), omit Forms 21 (guidance for voters for display in voting compartment), 22 (guidance for voters for display inside and outside polling stations) and 23 (declaration of companion of voter with disabilities), and omit the descriptions of those forms from the list of forms at the beginning of the paragraph.

**Amendments to Schedule 10 to the 2012 Order**

**47.** In Schedule 10 (access to marked registers and other documents open to public inspection after an election), in paragraph 1(1)(b) (interpretation of Schedule)—

- (a) after “sections 13A(2)” insert “, 13AB(2)”;
- (b) for “13B(3), (3B) or (3D) or 13BB(4) or (5)” substitute “13B(3), (3B) or (3D)”.

**48.** In Schedule 10, in paragraph 3 (inspection of documents open to public inspection), after sub-paragraph (1)(b)(iii) insert—

- “(iv) the list required to be compiled under paragraph 55(4) of Schedule 2.”

Signed by authority of the Lord President of the Council

Date

Minister of State  
Cabinet Office

SCHEDULE 1

Article 30

FORMS FOR ABSENT VOTING AT PCC ELECTIONS

Form 2: Postal voting statement where PCC election taken alone

<b>Postal voting statement</b>	<i>[Space for barcode]</i>	
Election of the Police and Crime Commissioner for <i>[insert name of police area]</i> police area		
Date of election <i>[day] [date] [month] [year]</i>		
<p><b>Important – you must fill in and return this postal voting statement with your completed ballot paper for it to be counted.</b></p> <p><b>Please read the instructions carefully and use a black pen.</b></p> <p>* Name _____ Ballot paper number _____</p> <p>* <i>Local Returning Officer to insert name but omit where sent to an anonymous elector</i></p> <p>(!) Check that the number on the back of your ballot paper matches the number shown above. If these do not match, call us <b>immediately</b> on (<i>insert helpline number</i>).</p>		
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<p><b>We will check this information against our records for security.</b></p> <p><b>It is an offence to vote using a ballot paper that was not sent for your use or interfere with another voter’s ballot paper. It is an offence to vote more than once (unless you are appointed as a proxy) at the same election.</b></p> <p><i>Local Returning Officer to add pictorial guidance as appropriate.</i></p>		

## Instructions for voting by post

**Please read through carefully. If you need help, please call us on *[insert helpline number]***

1. For your vote to be counted, you must fill in and return this postal voting statement with your ballot paper.
2. Make sure you have filled in the **date of birth** **\*[and signature] box[es]** on this postal voting statement.  
*\*Local Returning Officer to delete where elector is granted a waiver.*
3. **\*\*[Vote for only one candidate by putting a cross  in the box next to your choice.]**  
**\*\*[Vote by putting a cross  in the box**  
    In column 1 next to your first choice candidate  
    In column 2 next to your second choice candidate  
    Your first and second choices should be different.]  
*\*\*Local Returning Officer to amend as appropriate*
4. Do not mark the ballot paper in any other way or your vote may not count.
5. We must get your postal vote by **10pm on *[day] [date of poll]***. If you miss the post, you can hand it in at our office or at any polling station in the voting area before **10pm on *[day] [date of poll]***.
6. After receiving this postal vote, you cannot vote in person at a polling station in this election.

## Getting help

- If you need help to vote, you can ask someone you know or get independent help by calling the helpline on *[insert helpline number]*. The person helping you must not tell anyone how you voted.
- Please call the helpline if you require copies of this form or guidance in Braille or languages other than English.
- If you make a mistake, or lose your postal ballot paper or this statement, you can get a replacement. Call us immediately as **we can only issue a replacement before 5pm on *[day] [date] [month]***. If you apply after **5pm on *[day before poll]*** we can only issue a replacement if you return this ballot pack by hand.

**Electoral fraud is a crime. It is an offence to vote more than once in this election unless you are voting on your own behalf and as a proxy for another person.**

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The Local Returning Officer issued this statement.

*Local Returning Officer to add pictorial guidance as appropriate.*

Form 4: Postal voting statement where polls are combined but proceedings on issue and receipt of postal ballot papers are not combined

<b>Postal voting statement</b>	<i>[Space for barcode]</i>																		
<b>Election of the Police and Crime Commissioner for <i>[insert name of police area]</i> police area</b>																			
Date of election <i>[day] [date] [month] [year]</i>																			
<b>Important – you must fill in and return this postal voting statement with your completed ballot paper for it to be counted.</b>																			
<b>Please read the instructions carefully and use a black pen.</b>																			
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## Instructions for voting by post

**Please read through carefully. If you need help, please call us on *[insert helpline number]***

- For your vote to be counted, you must fill in and return this postal voting statement with your ballot paper for the **election of the Police and Crime Commissioner for *[insert name of police area]***.
- Make sure you have filled in the **date of birth *\*[and signature]* box[es]** on this postal voting statement.  
*\*Local Returning Officer to delete where elector is granted a waiver.*

**Election of the Police and Crime Commissioner for *[insert name of police area]* police area (*[insert colour]* ballot paper)**

- **\*\*[Vote for **only one candidate** by putting a cross  in the box next to your choice.]**
- **\*\*[Vote by putting a cross  in the box**  
In column 1 next to your first choice candidate  
In column 2 next to your second choice candidate  
Your first and second choices should be different.]  
*\*\*Local Returning Officer to amend as appropriate*
- Do not mark the ballot paper in any other way or your vote may not count.
- We must get your postal vote by **10pm on *[day]* *[date of poll]***. If you miss the post, you can hand it in at our office or at any polling station in the \_\_\_\_\_ area before **10pm on *[day]* *[date of poll]***.
- After receiving this postal vote, you cannot vote in person at a polling station in this election.

## Getting help

- If you need help to vote, you can ask someone you know or get independent help by calling the helpline on *[insert helpline number]*. The person helping you must not tell anyone how you voted.
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**Electoral fraud is a crime. It is an offence to vote more than once in this election unless you are voting on your own behalf and as a proxy for another person.**

The Local Returning Officer issued this statement.

*Local Returning Officer to add pictorial guidance as appropriate.*



Form 5: Statement of the number of postal ballot papers issued

<b>Statement of the number of postal ballot papers issued</b>	
<b>Election of the Police and Crime Commissioner for <i>[insert name of police area]</i> police area</b>	
Voting area	
Date of poll	
<b>A Issue of postal ballot papers</b>	<b>Number</b>
1. Total number of postal ballot papers issued under paragraph 36 of Schedule 2	
2. Total number of postal ballot papers issued under paragraphs 41 (spoilt and returned for cancellation), paragraph 42 (lost or not received) and paragraph 42A (cancelled due to change of address) of Schedule 2	
3. Total number of postal ballot papers cancelled under paragraph 41 (where the first ballot paper was cancelled and retrieved) of Schedule 2	
4. Total number of postal ballot papers issued (items 1 to 3)	
5. Total number of postal ballot papers cancelled under paragraph 42A	
<b>B(1) Receipt of and replacement postal ballot papers</b>	<b>Number</b>
6. Number of covering envelopes received by the local returning officer or at a polling station before the close of poll (excluding any dealt with in the manner provided for by paragraph 41 or 42 of Schedule 2)	
7. Number of covering envelopes received by the local returning officer after the close of poll, excluding any returned as undelivered	
8. Number of postal ballot papers returned spoilt for cancellation in time for another ballot paper to be issued	
9. Number of postal ballot papers identified as lost or not received in time for another ballot paper to be issued	
10. Number of postal ballot papers cancelled and retrieved in time for another ballot paper to be issued	
11. Number of postal ballot papers returned as spoilt too late for another ballot paper to be issued	
12. Number of covering envelopes returned as undelivered (up to the 10 <sup>th</sup> day after the date of the poll)	
13. Number of covering envelopes not received by the local returning officer (by the 10 <sup>th</sup> day after the date of the poll)	
14. Total of numbers for items 6 to 13 (This should be the same as that in item 4)	
15. Number of postal ballot papers replaced as lost or not received but not received for cancellation	

<b>B(2) Receipt of postal ballot papers – Personal Identifiers</b>	<b>Number</b>
16. Number of covering envelopes set aside for the verification of personal identifiers on postal voting statements	
17. Number of postal voting statements subject to verification procedure rejected as not completed (excluding prior cancellations)	
18. Number of postal voting statements rejected following verification procedures due to the personal identifiers on the postal voting statements not matching those in the personal identifiers record (excluding prior cancellations)	
<b>C Count of postal ballot papers</b>	<b>Number</b>
19. Number of ballot papers returned by postal voters which were included in the count of ballot papers	
20. Number of cases in which a covering envelope or its contents were marked "Rejected" (cancellations under paragraph 41, 42, 42A or 54 of Schedule 2 are not rejections and should be included in items 2, 3, 5, 8, 9 and 10)	

<b>Date</b>	<b>Signed</b>
<b>Local Returning Officer</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>A completed statement must be provided by the Local Returning Officer to the Secretary of State and the Electoral Commission during the period of 6 days which starts 10 days after the poll.</b>	

## SCHEDULE 2

Article 38

### FORMS FOR PCC ELECTIONS RULES

Form 11: Official poll card

*Front of card*

<b>Poll card</b>
<b>Election of the Police and Crime Commissioner for <i>[insert name of police area]</i> police area</b>
Date of election <i>[day] [date] [month] [year]</i>

<b>Voting information</b>	
Polling day	
Voting hours	
Your polling station will be	

<p><b>Your details:</b></p> <p>* <i>[Elector's name and qualifying address details here]</i></p> <p>* <i>Local Returning Officer to omit where poll card sent to an anonymous elector. Poll card to an anonymous elector must be delivered in a sealed envelope</i></p> <p><b>Number on register:</b></p>
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\*\* [You do not need to take this card with you in order to vote.]

\*\* [You must have this card with you. You cannot vote without it.]

\*\* *If anonymous elector omit the words in the first set of brackets, if not omit the words in the second set of brackets.*

*[Insert helpline and other details including website].*

**Please turn over**

*Back of card*

*This space for map or other information such as helpline and website details*

**It is an offence to:**

- vote more than once at this election, unless you are voting on your own behalf and as a proxy for another person
- vote as a proxy at this election for more than two people, unless you are their spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild
- vote as a proxy for someone if you know that by law they are not allowed to vote

**📞 If you need any help or to find out if your polling station is accessible, please contact us.**  
*[Local Returning Officer to add contact details including website if appropriate]*

**If undelivered return to:**  
*[Insert return address]*

**If you are away or cannot go to the polling station on [day] [date of poll]** you can do one of the following:

- Apply to vote by post. Completed applications must reach us **before 5pm on [day] [date of deadline]**. If you are given a postal vote, you will not be able to vote in person at this election.

OR

- Apply to vote by proxy (this means someone else can vote on your behalf). Completed applications must reach us **before 5pm on [day] [date of deadline]**. If you appoint a proxy, you can vote if you wish, but only if your proxy has not already voted on your behalf and has not got a postal vote for you.

**If after 5pm on [the sixth day before the date of the poll] you are unable to vote in person because you:**

- Have a medical emergency
- Learn you cannot go to the polling station because of work reasons

You can apply to vote by proxy. Completed applications must reach us **before 5pm on [day] [date of deadline]**. To find out how to apply, call the helpline immediately.

The Local Returning Officer issued this card.

Form 12: Official postal poll card (to be sent to a voter voting by post)

*Front of card*

<b>Postal poll card</b>
<b>Election of the Police and Crime Commissioner for [insert name of police area] police area</b>
Date of election [day] [date] [month] [year]

<b>Voting information</b>
<b>We will send your postal vote around [day] [date] [month] [year] *addressed to:</b>
*[Elector's name and address]

<b>Your details:</b>
* [Elector's name and qualifying address details here]
* Local Returning Officer to omit in both places where poll card sent to an anonymous elector. Poll card to an anonymous elector must be delivered in a sealed envelope
<b>Number on register:</b>

**Your postal vote**

- You will receive a postal vote for this election because you asked to vote by post.
- You will not be able to vote in a polling station.
- **If you have not received your postal vote by [day] [date] [month] call [insert helpline number].**

**Please turn over**

*Back of card*

**How to vote**

1. When you receive your postal vote, read the instructions carefully.
2. Your postal vote includes your ballot paper and a postal voting statement.
3. Complete both of these and return them immediately.
4. We need to receive your postal vote by **10pm on [day/date of poll]**.

**📞 If you need information in another format, please call our helpline below.**

**📞 If you need help to vote, you can ask someone you know or get independent help by calling our helpline:**

*[Insert helpline and other details including website]*

**If you lose your postal vote or make a mistake**

- Please phone the helpline immediately.
- We can only issue a replacement postal vote **before 5pm on [day/date of deadline]**.

If you would rather vote in person, or ask someone else to vote on your behalf, you must cancel your postal vote **before 5pm on [day/date of deadline]**. For more information, please call the helpline.

**It is an offence to:**

- vote using a ballot paper that was not sent for your use or interfere with another voter's ballot paper
- vote more than once at this election, unless you are voting on your own behalf and as a proxy for another person
- vote as a proxy at this election for more than two people, unless you are their spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild
- vote as a proxy for someone if you know that by law they are not allowed to vote

The Local Returning Officer issued this card.

**If undelivered return to**  
*[Insert return address]*

Form 13: Official proxy poll card

*Front of card*

<b>Proxy poll card</b>
<b>Election of the Police and Crime Commissioner for [insert name of police area] police area</b>
Date of election <b>[day] [date] [month] [year]</b>

<b>Voting information</b>	
Polling day	
Voting hours	
Your polling station will be	

**Please turn over**

**Your details:**

\* *[Proxy's name and qualifying address details here]*

\* *Local Returning Officer to omit where poll card sent to the proxy of an anonymous elector. Poll card to proxy of an anonymous elector must be delivered in a sealed envelope.*

**You will receive a proxy vote**

\*\* *[The person named on the back of this card] [Another person] has appointed you as a proxy to vote on their behalf at this election.*

\*\* *[You do not need to take this card with you to vote.] [You must have this card with you when you vote. You cannot vote as a proxy without it.]*

\*\* *If sent to the proxy of an anonymous elector omit the words in each of the first sets of brackets, if not omit the words in each of the second sets of brackets.*

*[Insert helpline and other details including website].*

Back of card

For this election you are proxy for:

\* [(Elector's name)

(Elector's address)

(Elector's number on register)]

[the person with this elector number: (Insert elector's number on register)]

\* If an anonymous elector omit the words in the first set of square brackets, if not omit the words in the second set of square brackets

The person you are proxy for can vote themselves if they wish – but only if you have not already voted on their behalf.

This space for map or other information such as helpline and website details

If you need any help or to find out if your polling station is accessible, please contact us. [Local Returning Officer to add contact details including website if appropriate]

How to vote as a proxy
1. \* [At the polling station, tell the staff that you are a proxy for the person named above. They will give you that person's ballot paper.] [At the polling station, ask to speak to the presiding officer and show them this card. They will give you the ballot paper of the person you are proxy for.]
\* If an anonymous elector omit the words in the first set of square brackets, if not omit the words in the second set of square brackets
2. Go to one of the voting booths.
3. Follow the instructions on how to mark the ballot paper.
4. Fold the ballot paper and put in the ballot box
If you need any help, just ask the staff.

If you are away or cannot go to the polling station on [day] [date of poll]
• You can apply to vote by post. The deadline for completed applications is 5pm on [day] [date of deadline].
• If you are given a postal vote, you or the person you are proxy for will not be able to vote in person at this election.
• To find out how to apply, please call us on [insert helpline number or other contact details].

It is an offence to:
• vote more than once at this election, unless you are voting on your own behalf and as a proxy for another person
• vote as a proxy at this election for more than two people, unless you are their spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild
• vote as a proxy for someone if you know that by law they are not allowed to vote
The Local Returning Officer issued this card.

If undelivered return to [insert return address]

Form 14: Official postal proxy poll card

Front of card

Proxy postal poll card
Election of the Police and Crime Commissioner for [insert name of police area] police area
Date of election [day] [date] [month] [year]

Voting information
We will send your postal vote around [day] [date] [month] [year] \* [addressed to:]
\* [Proxy's name and qualifying address details here]
\* Local Returning Officer to omit where poll card sent to the proxy of an anonymous elector. Poll card to proxy of an anonymous elector must be delivered in a sealed envelope.

Voting as a proxy
\*\* [The person named on the back of this card] [Another person] has appointed you as a proxy to vote on their behalf at this election.
\*\* If sent to the proxy of an anonymous elector omit the words in the first set of brackets, if not omit the words in the second set of brackets.
Your postal vote
• You will receive a postal vote for this election because you asked to vote by post.
• You will not be able to vote as a proxy in a polling station.
• If you have not received your postal vote by [day] [date] [month] call [insert helpline number].

Please turn over

## Back of card

For this election you are proxy for:


\* *[(Elector's name)  
(Elector's address)  
(Elector's number on register)]*


[the person with this elector number: *(Insert elector's number on register)*]

\* *If anonymous elector omit the words in the first set of square brackets, if not omit the words in the second set of square brackets*

### How to vote

1. When you receive your postal vote, read the instructions carefully.
2. Your postal vote includes your ballot paper and a postal voting statement.
3. Complete both of these and return them immediately.
4. We need to receive your postal vote by **10pm on [day/date of poll]**.

 **If you need information in another format, please call our helpline below.**

 **If you need help to vote, you can ask someone you know or get independent help by calling our helpline:**

*[insert helpline or other details including website]*

### If you lose your postal vote or make a mistake

- Please phone the helpline immediately.
- We can only issue a replacement postal vote before **5pm on [day/date of deadline]**.

If you would rather vote in person, you must cancel your postal vote before **5pm on [day/date of deadline]**. For more information, please call the helpline.

### It is an offence to:

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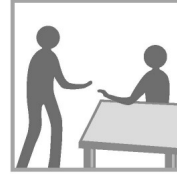
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**If undelivered return to**  
*[insert return address]*

## How to vote at this election

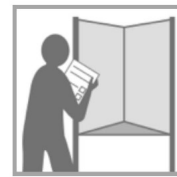
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Go to the desk and tell the staff your name and address.  
They will give you your ballot paper.



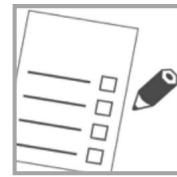
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Take your ballot paper to a voting booth.



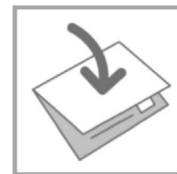
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Read the instructions in the booth and mark your ballot paper.



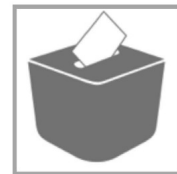
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When you have marked your ballot paper, fold it so that nobody can see how you have voted.



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Put your folded ballot paper into the ballot box.



**(!) Voting is secret. Do not let anyone see how you have voted.**  
**🗣️ If you make a mistake or need some help, just ask the staff.**



Form 17: Certificate as to employment on duty on the day of the poll

<b>Certificate of Employment</b>
<b>Election of the Police and Crime Commissioner for <i>[insert name of police area]</i> police area</b>
Election in the voting area of <i>[insert name of voting area]</i>
Date of election <i>[day] [date] [month] [year]</i>
The person named below is entitled to vote at any polling station in the above voting area on production and surrender of this certificate to the Presiding Officer.
I certify that _____ (name of elector) who is numbered* _____ in the register of electors for the voting area named above, cannot reasonably be expected to go in person to the polling station allotted to them at this election by reason of his/her employment on the above date for a purpose connected with this election: – as a constable** – as a Police Community Support Officer** – by me (Only applies to Local Returning Officer's staff)** Signature _____ Local Returning Officer/Police Officer ( <i>Inspector or above</i> )** Date _____
* The elector's number can be found on the poll card which was sent to them shortly after the election was announced, or can be checked by contacting the Electoral Registration Officer. ** Person completing the form to delete whichever does not apply.

Form 18: Declaration to be made by companion of a voter with disabilities

<b>Declaration for the companion of a voter with disabilities</b>	
<b>Election of the Police and Crime Commissioner for <i>[insert name of police area]</i> police area</b>	
Date of election <i>[day] [date] [month] [year]</i>	
A voter with disabilities is a voter who has made a declaration that he or she is so incapacitated by his or her blindness or other disability, or by his or her inability to read, as to be unable to vote at this election without assistance. In this form, "voter" means the person casting the vote at the election and includes a person voting as a proxy.	
<b>Part 1 To be completed by the voter's companion</b>	
Companion's name	
Companion's address	
Voter's name	
<i>[Only for use if the disabled voter is acting as a proxy]</i> Voter is acting as proxy for:	
Elector's number <i>[If the disabled voter is acting as a proxy, this is the number of the person for whom the voter is acting]</i>	
<p><b>I have been requested to assist the voter named above to record their vote at this election. I declare that:</b></p> <p><b>(1)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am entitled to vote as an elector at this election</li> </ul> <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am the *spouse/*civil partner/*parent/*brother/*sister/*child of the voter with disabilities and am 18 years of age or over</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>*Please delete whichever does not apply</i></p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p><b>(2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I have not previously assisted more than one voter with disabilities at this election.</li> </ul> <p>If I have assisted one other voter their name and address is:</p>	
<i>[Complete if appropriate]</i> Name and address of other person assisted	

<b>NOTE – It is a criminal offence to knowingly make a false statement in this form.</b>			
Companion's signature		Date	
<b>Part 2 To be completed by the Presiding Officer</b>			
I, the undersigned, being the Presiding Officer for:			
Polling station		Voting area of	
Hereby certify that the above declaration was signed in my presence.		Presiding Officer signature	
Date		Time (exact)	

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order amends the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/1917) (the “2012 Order”). Its main purpose is to apply, for the purposes of police and crime commissioner elections (“PCC elections”), changes that have been or are to be made to the legislation relating to the administration of parliamentary and local government elections.

Article 3 applies, for the purposes of PCC elections, changes made to the Representation of the People (Combination of Polls) (England and Wales) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/294) by the Representation of the People (Combination of Polls) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 (S.I. xxxx/yyyy). Articles 4, 6(2)(b), 7(b), 9, 10 and 47(b) make changes consequential on Part 1 of the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c.6) (individual electoral registration in Great Britain).

Articles 5, 6(2)(a), 7(a) and 47(a) make changes consequential on Part 2 of the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (administration and conduct of elections).

Article 6(1) makes a change consequential on the Electoral Registration (Postponement of 2013 Annual Canvass) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/794).

Articles 8, 34 and 35 enable a community support officer to enter a polling station or a count venue on the same terms as a constable and enable a community support officer who is employed on the day of the poll for a purpose connected with the election to vote at any polling station within the relevant voting area.

Articles 11, 12 and 13(1) to (5) allow an elector to apply for a proxy voting arrangement after 5 p.m. on the sixth day before the date of the poll (an emergency proxy vote) on grounds relating to occupation, service or employment. They also make changes to the deadlines for other absent voting applications to make them consistent with the deadlines for equivalent applications made for the purposes of other elections. Article 14(2) makes a consequential change.

Articles 17, 30, 33 and 38, and Schedules 1 and 2, replace and amend various forms and notices used at PCC elections.

Article 18 provides that postal ballot papers must be sent out as soon as it is practicable to do so. Articles 13(6), 14(1), 19, 25(b), 27(b) and 28(2)(a) make consequential provision and provision for how an application to change an absent voting arrangement will be dealt with when a postal vote has already been sent out.

Articles 21, 22, 23 and 24 require a local returning officer to check the personal identifiers (date of birth and signature) on every returned postal voting statement against the corresponding identifiers held on file. Articles 15, 16, 20, 25(a), 27(a), 37(1) make consequential changes.

Articles 26(2) and 29 require a registration officer to notify a postal voter that the vote has been rejected because the personal identifiers on the postal voting statement could not be verified, and gives the registration officer a power to request that a voter provide a fresh signature. Articles 28(2)(b) and (c), 28(3) and 48 make consequential changes.

Article 31 amends the timetable for PCC elections to bring forward the deadline for withdrawing candidature and for publishing the statement of persons nominated. Article 32 removes a redundant provision about the timetable for PCC elections in 2012.

Articles 36 and 37(2) allow a voter to vote (and allow a person to return a postal vote) if he or she is in a polling station or in a queue outside a polling station at 10 p.m. on polling day for the purpose of voting (or for the purpose of returning the postal vote).

Articles 39 to 46 make consequential amendments to Schedule 4 to the 2012 Order (combination of polls).

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument because no impact, or no significant impact, on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen, other than that set out in the impact assessments for the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013.

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