
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Scottish Parliament (Elections
etc.) (Amendment) Order 2008**

PART 2

Absent voting: personal identifiers

Amendment of paragraph 1 of Schedule 3

9.—(1) Paragraph 1 of Schedule 3 (general requirements for applications for an absent vote) is amended as follows.

- (2) In sub-paragraph (1) omit the “and” preceding paragraph (e) and after paragraph (e) insert—
- “(f) in the case of a person who is unable to provide a signature, the reasons for his request for waiver of any requirement under article 9, 10, 11 or 12 to provide a signature and the name and address of any person who has assisted him to complete his application, and
- (g) where the applicant has, or has applied for, an anonymous entry, that fact.”
- (3) In sub-paragraph (1) for “signed by the applicant ” substitute “dated”.
- (4) After sub-paragraph (1) insert—
- “(1A) Where an application is required to contain a signature and date of birth, the information must be set out in a manner that is sufficiently clear and unambiguous as to be capable of electronic scanning by configuring the information as follows—
- (a) the signature shall appear against a background of white unlined paper at least five centimetres long and two centimetres high; and
- (b) the applicant’s date of birth shall be set out numerically configured in the sequence of date, month and year, namely [d][d][m][m][y][y][y][y].
- (1B) Where the application contains a request that the registration officer waive the requirement for a signature, sub-paragraph (1A)(a) shall not apply.”