
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016

PART 2

**REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE
REFERENDUM IN THE UNITED KINGDOM**

The poll

Questions to be put to voters

29.—(1) When an application is made for a ballot paper (but not afterwards), the questions specified in the second column of the table following paragraph (4)—

- (a) may be put by the presiding officer to a person who is mentioned in the first column, and
- (b) must be put if the letter “R” appears after the question and a referendum or polling agent requires the question to be put.

(2) In the case of a voter in respect of whom a notice has been issued under section 13B(3B) or (3D) or 13BA(9) of the 1983 Act, references in the table to reading from the register are to be read as references to reading from that notice.

(3) A ballot paper must not be delivered to any person required to answer any of the questions in the table unless the person has answered each question satisfactorily.

(4) Except as authorised by this regulation, no inquiry is permitted as to the right of any person to vote.

| <i>Person applying for ballot paper</i> | <i>Questions</i> |
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| (1) A person applying as an elector | <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) “Are you the person registered in the register of electors as follows (read out the whole entry from the register)?” [R](b) “Have you already voted in the referendum on the United Kingdom’s membership of the European Union, here or elsewhere, otherwise than as proxy for some other person?” [R](c) In Northern Ireland, “What is your date of birth?” |
| (2) A person applying as proxy | <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) “Are you the person whose name appears as A B in the list of proxies for the referendum on the United Kingdom’s membership of the European Union as entitled to vote as proxy on behalf of C D?” [R](b) “Have you already voted in the referendum on the United Kingdom’s membership of the European |

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| <i>Person applying for ballot paper</i> | <i>Questions</i> |
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| | Union, here or elsewhere, as proxy on behalf of C D?" [R] |
| | (c) "Are you the spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother/sister, child or grandchild of C D?" [R] |
| (3) A person applying in England and Wales or Scotland as proxy for an elector with an anonymous entry (instead of the questions at entry (2)) | (a) "Are you the person entitled to vote as proxy on behalf of the elector whose number on the register of electors is (read out the number from the register)?" [R] (b) "Have you already voted in the referendum on the United Kingdom's membership of the European Union, here or elsewhere, as proxy on behalf of the elector whose number on the register of electors is (read out the number from the register)?" [R] (c) "Are you the spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother/sister, child or grandchild of the person whose number on the register of electors is (read out the number from the register)?" [R] |
| (4) Person applying as proxy if the question at entry (2)(c), or (3)(c) (if applicable), is not answered in the affirmative | "Have you already voted in the referendum on the United Kingdom's membership of the European Union on behalf of two persons of whom you are not the spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother/sister, child or grandchild?" [R] |
| (5) A person applying as an elector in relation to whom there is an entry in the postal voters list | (a) "Did you apply to vote by post?" (b) "Why have you not voted by post?" |
| (6) A person applying as proxy who is named in the proxy postal voters list | (a) "Did you apply to vote by post as proxy?" (b) "Why have you not voted by post as proxy?" |

Commencement Information

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- Regulations modified by [S.I. 2016/220 art. 4\(4\)Sch. 2](#)
- Regulations power to modify conferred by [S.I. 2016/220 art. 3Sch. 1](#)

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 1 para. 4(1)(ca) inserted by [S.I. 2016/636 reg. 3\(2\)\(a\)](#)