

BY- ELECTION
2023
Emergency Proxy Votes

The Returning Officer wishes to inform electors that there are provisions to enable emergency and replacement proxies for the upcoming By-election. A proxy is someone who is appointed to vote on behalf of another person.

Under the following circumstances, an elector may apply for an emergency proxy/replacement proxy:

- (a) the elector is required to leave the Islands to receive emergency medical treatment;
- (b) the elector is required to leave the Islands as the spouse or family member to accompany someone else to receive medical treatment;
- (c) the elector is required to leave the Islands on urgent business/work;
- (d) the elector is required to attend to a family member overseas who is seriously ill;
- (e) the elector is required to attend a funeral overseas;
- (f) the elector suffers delays in travel arrangements outside the elector's control which means that they cannot be in the Islands at the relevant time;
- (g) any other exceptional reason which means that the elector would not otherwise be able to vote; or
- (h) if an elector has appointed a proxy to vote for them on their behalf and the proxy will be unable to vote on their behalf because any of the criteria above apply to the proxy, then the elector may appoint an emergency replacement proxy.

The application must be accompanied by supporting evidence which demonstrates that there are compelling reasons of urgency and that the application is not made on the basis of mere convenience.

Applications for consideration need to be sent to the Registration Officer, Town Hall, Stanley.

For further information or application form, please contact the Registration Officer by calling 27271, email registrargeneral@townhall.gov.fk or visit the website www.falklands.gov.fk/registry/