



Electoral Administration Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 22

PART 6

CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS ETC.

Certain electoral documents

37 Documents relating to postal voting

In Schedule 1 to the 1983 Act, for rule 24 (postal ballot papers) substitute—

- “24
- (1) The returning officer shall, in accordance with regulations, issue to those entitled to vote by post—
 - (a) a ballot paper;
 - (b) at an election held in England and Wales or Scotland, a postal voting statement in the prescribed form;
 - (c) at an election held in Northern Ireland, a declaration of identity in the prescribed form;together with such envelopes for their return as may be prescribed.
 - (2) The returning officer must also issue to those entitled to vote by post such information as he thinks appropriate about how to obtain—
 - (a) translations into languages other than English of any directions to or guidance for voters sent with the ballot paper;
 - (b) a translation into Braille of such directions or guidance;
 - (c) graphical representations of such directions or guidance;
 - (d) the directions or guidance in any other form (including any audible form).
 - (3) The prescribed form shall include provision for the form to be signed and for stating the date of birth of the elector or proxy (as the case may be).

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- (4) In the case of a ballot paper issued to a person resident in the United Kingdom, the returning officer must ensure that the return of the ballot paper and postal voting statement or declaration of identity is free of charge to the voter.
- (5) In any other case, regulations may provide that the returning officer must so ensure.”

Annotations:**Commencement Information**

- II** [S. 37](#) wholly in force at 14.5.2008; [s. 37](#) not in force at Royal Assent see [s. 77](#); [s. 37](#) in force for E.W.S. at 1.1.2007 by [S.I. 2006/3412](#), [art. 3](#), [Sch. 1 para. 14\(r\)](#) (subject to transitional provisions in [Sch. 2](#)); [s. 37](#) in force for N.I. at 14.5.2008 by [S.I. 2008/1316](#), [arts. 2\(1\)](#), [3\(d\)](#)

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