

SCHEDULE 3

ABSENT VOTING

Closing dates for applications

7.—(1) An application—

- (a) to vote by post under article 9(1);
- (b) to vote by proxy under article 9(6);
- (c) to vote by post under article 9(6); or
- (d) from a proxy to vote by post under article 12(4),

shall be disregarded for the purposes of any particular election, and an application by a postal voter for his ballot papers to be sent to a different address or to vote instead by proxy at a particular election under article 10(4) shall be refused, if it is received by the registration officer after 5 pm on the eleventh day before the date of the poll at that election.

(2) An application—

- (a) to vote by proxy under article 9(2);
- (b) for the appointment of a proxy under article 11(6),

shall be disregarded for the purposes of any particular election if it is received by the registration officer after 5 pm on the sixth day before the date of the poll at that election.

(3) Subject to sub-paragraph (4), an application—

- (a) to vote by proxy under article 10(2);
- (b) for the appointment of a proxy under article 11(7),

shall be refused if it is received by the registration officer after 5 pm on the sixth day before the date of the poll at the election for which it is made.

(4) Where—

- (a) an application to vote by proxy under article 10(2) is made on the grounds of the applicant's disability; and
- (b) the applicant became disabled after 5 pm on the sixth day before the date of the poll at the election for which it is made,

the application, or an application under article 11(7) made by virtue of that application, shall be refused if it is received after 5 pm on the day of the poll at that election.

(5) An application—

- (a) to vote by post under article 10(1);
- (b) from a proxy postal voter for his ballot papers to be sent to a different address at a particular election under article 12(6),

shall be refused if it is received by the registration officer after 5 pm on the eleventh day before the date of the poll at the election for which it is made.

(6) The following, namely—

- (a) an application under article 9(5)(a) by an elector to be removed from the record kept under article 9(4);
- (b) an application under article 12(9)(a) by a proxy to be removed from the record kept under article 12(5); and
- (c) a notice under article 11(9) of the cancellation of a proxy's appointment,

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shall be disregarded for the purposes of a particular election if it is received by the registration officer after 5 pm on the eleventh day before the date of the poll at that election.

(7) In computing a period of days for the purposes of this paragraph—

- (a) a Saturday or a Sunday;
- (b) Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Easter Monday or Good Friday; or
- (c) a day which is a bank holiday in Scotland under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971,

shall be disregarded.