
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2008 No. 1741

The Representation of the People
(Northern Ireland) Regulations 2008

PART 5

ISSUE AND RECEIPT OF POSTAL BALLOT PAPERS

Issue of Postal Ballot Papers

Delivery of postal ballot papers

- 80.**—(1) For the purpose of delivering postal ballot papers, the returning officer may use—
- (a) a universal postal service provider;
 - (b) a commercial delivery firm; or
 - (c) clerks appointed under rule 26(1) of the elections rules.
- (2) Where the services of a universal postal service provider or commercial delivery firm are to be used, envelopes addressed to postal voters shall be counted and delivered by the returning officer with such form of receipt to be endorsed by that provider or firm as may be arranged.
- (3) Postage shall be prepaid on envelopes addressed to the postal voters and on the covering envelopes.

Changes to legislation:

There are outstanding changes not yet made by the legislation.gov.uk editorial team to The Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2008. Any changes that have already been made by the team appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Regulations amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I. 2009/256, Sch. 2 by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 23](#)
- Regulations applied (with modifications) by [2015 c. 36 Sch. 3 para. 15](#)
- reg. 80 applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2016/219 Sch. 3 para. 91](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Instrument associated Parts and Chapters:

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

- Pt. 6A inserted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 9](#)
- reg. 5(1) reg. 5 renumbered as reg. 5(1) by [S.I. 2024/43 reg. 4\(a\)](#)
- reg. 5(1) word inserted by [S.I. 2024/43 reg. 4\(b\)](#)
- reg. 5(2) inserted by [S.I. 2024/43 reg. 4\(c\)](#)
- reg. 13A13B inserted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 3](#)
- reg. 17(3)(c) inserted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 12\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- reg. 20(5A) inserted by [2014 c. 13 s. 15\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 20(6A)(6B) inserted by [2014 c. 13 s. 15\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- reg. 22(3)(d) and word inserted by [2014 c. 13 s. 15\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 22(6) inserted by [2014 c. 13 s. 15\(3\)\(f\)](#)
- reg. 23A-23C inserted by [S.I. 2024/43 reg. 8](#)
- reg. 23A(4) modified by [S.I. 2024/43 reg. 27\(3\)](#)
- reg. 25(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2016/295 art. 152\(3\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- reg. 25A-25C inserted by [S.I. 2024/43 reg. 11](#)
- reg. 25B(2)(a)(iv) words substituted by [S.I. 2024/319 reg. 14\(2\)](#)
- reg. 25B(4) omitted by [S.I. 2024/665 reg. 3\(3\)](#)
- reg. 26A(2) words inserted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 11\(3\)](#)
- reg. 27(1)(c)-(cb) substituted for reg. 27(1)(c) by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 15\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 27(1)(caa) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1176 reg. 18\(2\)](#)
- reg. 27(1)(caa) words substituted by [S.I. 2024/665 reg. 3\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- reg. 27(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 15\(4\)](#)
- reg. 27(1B)(1C) inserted by [S.I. 2024/43 reg. 13\(a\)](#)
- reg. 27(1AA) inserted by [S.I. 2024/665 reg. 3\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 27(3)-(3B) substituted for reg. 27(3) by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 15\(5\)](#)
- reg. 27(3ZA) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1176 reg. 18\(3\)](#)
- reg. 27(3ZZA)(3ZZB) inserted by [S.I. 2024/43 reg. 13\(c\)](#)
- reg. 27(4A) inserted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 15\(7\)](#)
- reg. 27(6A) inserted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 15\(9\)](#)
- reg. 27(10) words substituted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 15\(10\)](#)
- reg. 27A inserted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 16](#)
- reg. 27A heading substituted by [S.I. 2024/43 reg. 15\(a\)](#)
- reg. 27A heading words substituted by [S.I. 2020/581 reg. 12\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- reg. 27A(A1) inserted by [S.I. 2024/43 reg. 15\(b\)](#)
- reg. 27A(1)(b) substituted by [S.I. 2024/43 reg. 15\(c\)](#)
- reg. 27A(3)-(5) inserted by [S.I. 2020/581 reg. 12\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 27ZA-27ZI inserted by [S.I. 2024/43 reg. 14](#)
- reg. 29(1) words inserted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 17\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- reg. 29(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 17\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- reg. 29(2) omitted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 17\(b\)](#)

- reg. 38A(1)(b)(ba) substituted for reg. 38A(1)(b) by S.I. 2024/43 reg. 17
- reg. 38C(3)(c) words inserted by 2020 c. 17 Sch. 24 para. 368
- reg. 38C(3)(p) word omitted by S.I. 2018/331 reg. 2(2)(a)
- reg. 38C(3)(r)(s) inserted by S.I. 2018/331 reg. 2(2)(b)
- reg. 38C(3)(r) word omitted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 41(a)
- reg. 38C(3)(s) word inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 41(b)
- reg. 38C(3)(t) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 41(c)
- reg. 38D(4)(a) word substituted by S.I. 2018/331 reg. 2(3)(a)
- reg. 38D(4)(b) word substituted by S.I. 2018/331 reg. 2(3)(a)
- reg. 38D(4)(c) word substituted by S.I. 2018/331 reg. 2(3)(a)
- reg. 38D(4)(l)-(n) inserted by S.I. 2018/331 reg. 2(3)(b)
- reg. 38D(5) inserted by S.I. 2018/331 reg. 2(4)
- reg. 38E(5)(b) words inserted by S.I. 2018/699 reg. 11(8)
- reg. 38E(7)(b) words inserted by S.I. 2018/699 reg. 11(8)
- reg. 41(4)(d) and word inserted by S.I. 2024/43 reg. 18(a)(ii)
- reg. 41(4A) inserted by S.I. 2024/43 reg. 18(b)
- reg. 41(8) inserted by S.I. 2024/43 reg. 18(c)
- reg. 42A inserted by S.I. 2018/699 reg. 20
- reg. 42A words substituted by S.I. 2020/581 reg. 12(3)(a)
- reg. 42A(5) substituted by S.I. 2020/581 reg. 12(3)(b)
- reg. 42A(7) substituted by S.I. 2020/581 reg. 12(3)(c)
- reg. 44(4) inserted by S.I. 2016/295 art. 152(3)(b)(ii)
- reg. 46(3) inserted by S.I. 2018/699 reg. 21(b)
- reg. 51(3A) inserted by S.I. 2023/1176 reg. 19(c)
- reg. 53(1ZA) inserted by S.I. 2024/43 reg. 20(b)
- reg. 53C(1)(e) omitted by S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 5(1)
- reg. 56(1) words inserted by S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 6(a)
- reg. 56(1) words omitted by S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 6(b)
- reg. 57(4)(b)(v) inserted by S.I. 2021/1188 art. 8(2)(c)
- reg. 57(4)(b)(iv) and preceding word inserted by S.R. 2016/228 reg. 35(b)
- reg. 57(4)(b)(iv) word inserted by S.I. 2021/1188 art. 8(2)(b)
- reg. 57(4)(b)(iv) word omitted by S.I. 2022/332 art. 12(2)(a)
- reg. 57(4)(b)(vi) and word inserted by S.I. 2022/332 art. 12(2)(b)
- reg. 62(6)-(10) inserted by S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 8
- reg. 70(1) reg. 70 renumbered as reg. 70(1) by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 3(a)
- reg. 70(1) words inserted by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 3(b)
- reg. 70(2) inserted by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 3(c)
- reg. 70A inserted by S.I. 2016/219 Sch. 3 para. 82
- reg. 81A applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2016/219 Sch. 3 para. 93
- reg. 81B inserted by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 4
- reg. 84(1) words substituted by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 5(b)
- reg. 84A-84I applied by S.I. 2001/2599, Sch. 2 (as amended) by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 13(3)
- reg. 84A-84I inserted by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 6
- reg. 86(5)-(8) inserted by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 7
- reg. 87(1A) inserted by S.I. 2015/221 reg. 2(2)(b)
- reg. 91(2A) inserted by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 8(b)
- reg. 91(3A) inserted by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 8(d)
- reg. 117(1A) inserted by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 9(b)
- reg. 118(4) inserted by 2018 c. 12 Sch. 19 para. 331(b)
- reg. 118(4) substituted by S.I. 2019/419 Sch. 3 para. 70(3)