



# I am not able to vote on 15 March. Can I ask someone else to vote on my behalf?

If you are unable to vote, for example, because you are ill or abroad, then you can ask another voter to vote on your behalf. This is called voting by proxy. You only authorise someone to be your proxy if you really are unable to vote yourself.



## You choose

You choose whether you want to ask someone else to vote for you by proxy. Someone else may not ask or pressure you to hand over your polling card. You also choose who you ask to vote for you by proxy. Never just hand over your polling card to someone.



## Criminal offence

Abusing the option of voting by proxy is a criminal offence. Bribing someone or promising a gift in exchange for their polling card is forbidden. It is also a criminal offence if you let someone bribe you to hand over your polling card.



## How does voting by proxy work?

To authorise someone to vote for you by proxy, fill out the back of your polling card. First, you fill in your own data, then those of the person you want to authorise. You also sign the back of the polling card.

This means you are declaring who is allowed to vote by proxy for you. You also give a copy of your ID to the voter who is going to vote by proxy for you.



You can also authorise another voter in writing. If you want to know how that works, go to [www.rijksdienstcn.com/kiescollege2023](http://www.rijksdienstcn.com/kiescollege2023).



## Who can I authorise?

You can authorise someone if they:

- are also allowed to vote in the same election
- live on the same island
- cast your vote at the same time as their own vote

A voter may vote for a maximum of two other voters in an election.

*If it is not possible for an employee to vote outside working hours, the employer is obliged to give the employee time to do so. Employees are allowed a maximum of two hours of leave.*



## Learn more about the elections

For more information about the elections and voting by proxy, visit [www.rijksdienstcn.com](http://www.rijksdienstcn.com).