

**Please find below an update from Elections Team regarding postal votes applications.**

Postal votes now last up to 3 years. Letters and application forms have been posted to anyone whose postal vote expires on 31 January 2026 so that they can re-apply. Further information is on our webpage; <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/elections-and-voting/re-applying-postal-vote>

**How do I re-apply for my postal vote?**

Electors can re-apply for their postal vote online at [www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote](http://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote).

A QR code and website address is displayed prominently at the top of the letter.

Electors unable to re-apply for their postal vote online, can complete the Postal vote application enclosed with their letter and return it:

- via email to [elections@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:elections@northnorthants.gov.uk)
- Post/hand deliver to our council offices in Kettering addressed to "Elections"
- No Reply Envelope is enclosed to save the council money on return postage.

**Electors must not re-register themselves to vote unless there is a change of name, address or nationality.**

**How do I complete the application form?**

Electors must provide:

- Their date of birth
- Their National Insurance number
- Their handwritten signature

If applying online, electors can upload a photo or scanned copy of their handwritten signature in black ink on plain white paper.

Electors can apply without a signature but need to explain why. We may send out a declaration form for completion so that we can proceed without a signature.

**Cancellation of Postal Votes**

Those that don't re-apply by **31 January 2026**, will have their postal vote cancelled.

Existing Postal Voters do not have to re-apply for their postal vote immediately to vote in any election. The deadline to re-apply is **31 January 2026**.

Electors that are no longer a postal or proxy voter, must take an accepted photo ID to vote at a polling station or can reapply for a postal vote later on.

Electors can decide to cancel their own postal vote in writing (please include your full name, address and signature) by sending a letter to:

**Electoral Services**

North Northamptonshire Council

Bowling Green Road

Kettering

NN15 7QX

## **Annual canvass**

Residents receiving a calling card or Canvass form need to confirm names and nationalities of all residents aged 16 or over at their property via options listed on their canvass form or emailing [elections@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:elections@northnorthants.gov.uk).

Responding to the Canvass Form is a separate process from registering to vote and re-applying for a postal vote.

Kind Regards,

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