

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 2

RULES FOR CONDUCT OF THE REFERENDUM

PART 1

REFERENDUM RULES

ACTION TO BE TAKEN BEFORE THE POLL

Issue of official poll cards

- 15 (1) The counting officer must, as soon as practicable after the publication of notice of the referendum, send to electors and their proxies an official poll card.
- (2) An official poll card must not be sent to a person—
- (a) as an elector, if the person is entitled to a postal vote in Northern Ireland;
 - (b) as a proxy, if the person is entitled to a proxy postal vote in Northern Ireland.
- (3) An official poll card must not be sent to a person registered, or to be registered, in pursuance of—
- (a) an overseas elector's declaration, within the meaning of section 2 of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (registration of British citizens overseas), or
 - (b) a declaration made by virtue of subsection (5) of section 3 of that Act (extension of franchise for European Parliamentary Elections).
- (4) An elector's official poll card must be sent or delivered to his or her qualifying address, and a proxy's to his or her address as shown in the list of proxies.
- (5) In the case of an elector who is entitled to vote in the referendum in England and Wales or Scotland—
- (a) an official poll card sent to the elector must be in the form set out in Form 5 in Part 2 of this Schedule;
 - (b) an official postal poll card sent to the elector must be in the form set out in Form 6 in Part 2 of this Schedule;
 - (c) an official poll card sent to the proxy of the elector must be in the form set out in Form 7 in Part 2 of this Schedule;
 - (d) an official postal poll card sent to the proxy of the elector must be in the form set out in Form 8 in Part 2 of this Schedule.
- (6) In the case of an elector who is entitled to vote in the referendum in Northern Ireland—

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- (a) an official poll card sent to the elector must be in the form set out in Form 9 in Part 2 of this Schedule;
 - (b) an official poll card sent to the proxy of the elector must be in the form set out in Form 10 in Part 2 of this Schedule.
- (7) An official poll card or official postal poll card may set out whatever information, in addition to that required by virtue of paragraph (5) or (6), the counting officer thinks appropriate.
- (8) Different information may be provided in pursuance of paragraph (7) to different electors or descriptions of elector.
- (9) In this rule—
- “qualifying address” means the address in respect of which a person is entitled to be registered on the register of electors;
 - “elector” includes only those electors who, on the last day for publication of notice of the referendum, appear on a register to be used for the referendum.