
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Representation of the People
(Northern Ireland) Regulations 2008**

PART 1

GENERAL, INTERPRETATION AND MISCELLANEOUS

Device referred to in rule 29(3A)(b) of elections rules

12.—(1) The device referred to in rule 29(3A)(b) of the elections rules⁽¹⁾ shall be of the description set out in this regulation.

(2) The device must be capable of being attached firmly to a ballot paper and of being removed from it after use without damage to the paper.

(3) On the right-hand side of the device there shall be tabs of equal size which satisfy the conditions in paragraphs (4) to (7).

(4) The tabs shall be capable of being positioned on the ballot paper so that each one is above one of the spaces to the right of the particulars of the candidates on which the vote is to be marked (“the relevant space”).

(5) Each tab shall be numbered so that, when the device is positioned over a ballot paper, the number of each tab corresponds to that of the candidate whose particulars are to the left of the relevant space covered by the tab in question.

(6) Each number on a tab shall be in raised form so that it can be clearly identified by touch.

(7) Each tab shall be capable of being lifted so as to reveal the relevant space and so that there is sufficient room to allow a voter to mark a cross on that space.

(1) Rule 29(3A) was inserted by section 13(2) of the 2000 Act.

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- Pt. 6A inserted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 9](#)
- Sch. 2 Form B1 inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 32\(4\)Sch. 2](#)
- Sch. 3 form N applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2016/219 Sch. 3 para. 108](#)
- Sch. 3 Form O inserted by [S.I. 2013/1846 reg. 5\(3\)Sch.](#)
- Sch. 3 Form A1 inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 32\(3\)Sch. 2](#)
- Sch. 3 Form O revoked by [S.I. 2020/580 reg. 7\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 3 Form A substituted by [S.I. 2015/221 reg. 3\(2\)Sch. 1](#)
- Sch. 3 Form A1 substituted by [S.I. 2015/221 reg. 3\(3\)Sch. 2](#)
- Sch. 3 Form B substituted by [S.I. 2015/221 reg. 3\(4\)Sch. 3](#)
- Sch. 3 Form B1 substituted by [S.I. 2015/221 reg. 3\(5\)Sch. 4](#)
- Sch. 3 Form E substituted by [S.I. 2015/221 reg. 3\(6\)Sch. 5](#)
- Sch. 3 Form F substituted by [S.I. 2015/221 reg. 3\(7\)Sch. 6](#)
- Sch. 3 Form L substituted by [S.I. 2015/221 reg. 3\(8\)Sch. 7](#)
- Sch. 3 Form M substituted by [S.I. 2015/221 reg. 3\(9\)Sch. 8](#)
- Sch. 3 Form L symbol inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 32\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 3 Form L symbol inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 32\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 3 Form M symbol inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 32\(7\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 3 Form M symbol inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 32\(7\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 3 Form E words inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 32\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 3 Form L words inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 32\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 3 Form L words inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 32\(6\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 3 Form M words inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 32\(7\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 3 Form M words inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 32\(7\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 3 Form N words inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 32\(8\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 3 Form N words inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 32\(8\)\(b\)](#)
- 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. 26A inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 4](#)
- 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)(g) and word inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 5\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- reg. 27(1)(caa) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1176 reg. 18\(2\)](#)
- 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(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) inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 5\(3\)](#)
- 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) reg. 29 renumbered as reg. 29(1) by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 6](#)
- 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) inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 6](#)
- reg. 29(2) omitted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 17\(b\)](#)
- reg. 30(3A) inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 7\(2\)](#)
- reg. 30(7A) inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 7\(4\)](#)
- reg. 36(2A) inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 8](#)
- reg. 37(4) inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 9](#)
- reg. 38A applied (with modifications) by SI 2001/1184 reg. 9 Sch. Pt. 2 (as inserted) by [S.I. 2014/1803 reg. 8\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- reg. 38A-38E inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 10](#)
- reg. 38A(1)(b)(ba) substituted for reg. 38A(1)(b) by [S.I. 2024/43 reg. 17](#)
- reg. 38B applied by SI 2001/1184 reg. 9 Sch. Pt. 2 (as inserted) by [S.I. 2014/1803 reg. 8\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- reg. 38C applied by SI 2001/1184 reg. 9 Sch. Pt. 2 (as inserted) by [S.I. 2014/1803 reg. 8\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- 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 applied by SI 2001/1184 reg. 9 Sch. Pt. 2 (as inserted) by [S.I. 2014/1803 reg. 8\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- 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 applied by SI 2001/1184 reg. 9 Sch. Pt. 2 (as inserted) by [S.I. 2014/1803 reg. 8\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- 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. 39(1)(c)(d) inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 11](#)
- 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. 42(2)(da) inserted by [S.I. 2013/1846 reg. 2](#)
- 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. 46A46B inserted by [S.I. 2013/1846 reg. 3\(1\)](#)
- reg. 46A revoked by [S.I. 2020/580 reg. 7\(a\)](#)
- reg. 46B(6) word substituted by [S.I. 2015/1939 art. 2](#)
- reg. 46B(6) word substituted by [S.I. 2020/581 reg. 12\(4\)](#)
- reg. 46B(6) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 4](#)
- reg. 50A inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 12](#)
- reg. 51(3A) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1176 reg. 19\(c\)](#)
- reg. 53(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 14\(2\)](#)
- reg. 53(1ZA) inserted by [S.I. 2024/43 reg. 20\(b\)](#)
- reg. 53A applied (with modifications) by SI 2001/1184 reg. 9 Sch. Pt. 2 (as inserted) by [S.I. 2014/1803 reg. 8\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 53A-53D inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 15](#)
- reg. 53B applied by SI 2001/1184 reg. 9 Sch. Pt. 2 (as inserted) by [S.I. 2014/1803 reg. 8\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 53C applied by SI 2001/1184 reg. 9 Sch. Pt. 2 (as inserted) by [S.I. 2014/1803 reg. 8\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 53C(1)(e) omitted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 5\(1\)](#)
- reg. 53D applied by SI 2001/1184 reg. 9 Sch. Pt. 2 (as inserted) by [S.I. 2014/1803 reg. 8\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 55(2)(e) and word inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 16\(b\)](#)
- reg. 55A modified by [S.I. 2016/219 Sch. 3 para. 72](#)
- reg. 55A(1)(c) words inserted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 7](#)
- reg. 55A(3) inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 17](#)
- reg. 55B applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2016/219 Sch. 3 para. 73](#)
- reg. 55B(1) reg. 55B renumbered as reg. 55B(1) by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 18](#)
- reg. 55B(2) inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 18](#)
- reg. 56(1) reg. 56 renumbered as reg. 56(1) by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 19](#)
- 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. 56(2) inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 19](#)
- reg. 57(4)(b)(v) inserted by [S.I. 2021/1188 art. 8\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- reg. 57(4)(b)(iii) and word inserted by [S.I. 2013/3021 art. 32](#)
- reg. 57(4)(b)(iii) word omitted by [S.I. 2021/1188 art. 8\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- reg. 57(4)(b)(ii) word omitted by [S.R. 2016/228 reg. 35\(a\)](#)
- 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. 66(2A) inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 21](#)
- 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. 72(2) inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 22](#)
- reg. 73(10) inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 23](#)
- reg. 75(3) inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 24](#)
- reg. 81A applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2016/219 Sch. 3 para. 93](#)
- reg. 81A inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 27](#)
- reg. 81B inserted by [S.I. 2024/319 reg. 4](#)

- reg. 84(1) reg. 84 renumbered as reg. 84(1) by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 28
- reg. 84(1) words substituted by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 5(b)
- reg. 84(2) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 28
- 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(1)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 29(c)
- 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. 93(2A) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 30
- reg. 112(5) inserted by S.I. 2013/1881 Sch. para. 37(b)
- reg. 112A and cross-heading inserted by S.I. 2013/1846 reg. 4(1)
- 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)