

**14. Taking of absent votes.**

The following provisions apply to the taking of absent votes —

- (a) an absent vote is not to be cast by an elector at any polling place within the district for which the elector is enrolled;
- (b) before a person is issued with a ballot paper for the purposes of casting an absent vote —
  - (i) the person in the presence of an authorized person is to sign a statement in the form of Form 30 in Schedule 3 declaring that the person is enrolled on the electoral roll for the district claimed and entitled to vote for that district; and
  - (ii) the authorized person is to attest the signature of that person to the statement;
- (c) the statement referred to in paragraph (b) is to be attached to the envelope to be used for the purpose of forwarding the ballot paper to the Electoral Commissioner;
- (d) the ballot paper issued to an elector for the purposes of absent voting is to contain the particulars relevant to a ballot paper in relation to the district or region in relation to which the vote is proposed to be cast in accordance with the Act, and if necessary these particulars are to be endorsed on the ballot paper by the appropriate officer;
- (e) the elector is to indicate his or her vote on the ballot paper in the manner prescribed by section 128 of the Act, fold the ballot paper, put it in the envelope attached to the statement made by the elector under paragraph (b), and deposit the fastened envelope in a sealed ballot box in use at the polling place at which the vote was cast.