

# New Rules on Voting ID

## Have You Got A Photo ID For Voting?

Due to changes in UK government legislation, you will now need to show photo ID at polling stations in our local elections on Thursday 4 May 2023.

Suitable photo ID will include your passport or driving licence (this includes provisional), as well as blue badges, certain concessionary travel cards, identity cards with PASS marks, biometric immigration documents, defence identity cards and certain nation identity cards.

If you don't currently have an acceptable form of photo ID, or if your current photo ID does not look like you, then you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate. You can [apply for this here](#).

Alternatively, you can complete a paper application and send it to our electoral services team. For more information, [please click here](#).

## When Will You Need Your Photo ID?

From 4 May 2023 you'll need to show photo ID when voting in person in some UK elections or referendums.

You'll need it to vote in:

- UK Parliament by-elections
- local elections in England (including councils, mayors, the Greater London Authority and parishes)
- recall of MP petitions in England, Scotland and Wales
- Police and Crime Commissioner elections in England and Wales
- neighbourhood planning referendums and Business Improvement District referendums in England
- local authority referendums in England (including Council Tax increase referendums)

## Check If You Have Acceptable Photo ID

You'll need one of the following types of photo ID to vote:

- a UK or Northern Ireland photocard driving licence (full or provisional)
- a driving licence issued by the EU, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, the Isle of Man or any of the Channel Islands
- a UK passport
- a passport issued by the EU, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein or a Commonwealth country

- a PASS card (National Proof of Age Standards Scheme)
- a Blue Badge
- a biometric residence permit (BRP)
- a Defence Identity Card (MOD form 90)
- a national identity card issued by the EU, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein
- a Northern Ireland Electoral Identity Card
- a Voter Authority Certificate
- an Anonymous Elector's Document

You can also use one of the following travel passes as photo ID when you vote:

- [an older person's bus pass](#)
- [a disabled person's bus pass](#)
- an Oyster 60+ card
- a Freedom Pass
- a Scottish National Entitlement Card (NEC)
- a 60 and Over Welsh Concessionary Travel Card
- a Disabled Person's Welsh Concessionary Travel Card
- [a Northern Ireland concessionary travel pass](#)

The photo on your ID must look like you. You can still use your ID even if it has expired.

The rules are different in Northern Ireland; for further information go to:

<https://www.eoni.org.uk/Vote/Voting-at-a-polling-place>

For further information go to

<https://www.gov.uk/how-to-vote/photo-id-youll-need>

The above guidance has been taken directly from the [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) website.