

LOCAL ELECTIONS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Bring
photo ID
to vote

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From 4 May 2023,

voters in England will need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations in some elections.

This will apply to:

Local elections

Police and Crime Commissioner elections

UK parliamentary by-elections

Recall petitions

From October 2023 it will also apply to UK General elections.

ACCEPTED FORMS OF PHOTO ID

Passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country

Driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state (this includes a provisional driving licence)

A Blue Badge, Older Person's Bus Pass, Disabled Person's Bus Pass, Oyster 60+ Card, Freedom Pass, Scottish National Entitlement Card, 60 and Over Welsh Concessionary Travel Card, Disabled Person's Welsh Concessionary Travel Card, Senior SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland, Registered Blind SmartPass or Blind Person's SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland, War Disablement SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland, 60+ SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland, Half Fare SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland

Identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)

Biometric immigration document, Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card), National identity card issued by an EEA state, Electoral Identity Card issued in Northern Ireland, Voter Authority Certificate, Anonymous Elector's Document

You will only need to show one form of photo ID.
It needs to be the original version and not a photocopy.

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Out of date photo ID

You can still use your photo ID if it's out of date, as long as it looks like you. The name on your ID should be the same name you used to register to vote.

If you don't have an accepted form of photo ID

You can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate, if you don't have an accepted form of photo ID, you're not sure whether your photo ID still looks like you OR you're worried about using an existing form of ID for any other reason, such as the use of a gender marker

You need to register to vote before applying for a Voter Authority Certificate.

Showing ID as an anonymous elector

If you're registered to vote anonymously and want to vote in person, you'll need to apply for an Anonymous Elector's Document.

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APPLYING FOR A VOTER AUTHORITY CERTIFICATE

The deadline to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate for the local elections on 4th May is 5pm on 25th April 2023.

You need to be registered to vote before you apply for a Voter Authority Certificate. When you register to vote, you'll be asked whether you have photo ID or if you want to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate.

You can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate online.

You will also be able to apply by filling out a paper application form and sending this to your local council. You can request the instructions in large print, braille or easy read.

You may also be able to apply in person at your local council. If you need any help with applying for a Voter Authority Certificate or want to request an application form, contact your local council OR call the helpline directly **0800 328 0280** if you have any questions.

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