

## **New changes for Elections from May 2023**

### **Bring Photographic ID to vote in a Polling Station**

This will affect all voters who vote in person or by proxy, at the next local elections on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023**.

Voters are now required to show photographic identification at polling stations before they are given a ballot paper. You can find out more about the Elections Act 2022 at [www.gov.uk/government/news/greater-protections-for-voters-as-governments-elections-bill-achieves-royal-assent](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/greater-protections-for-voters-as-governments-elections-bill-achieves-royal-assent).

Voters must bring suitable photographic ID to the polling station. The most commonly used ID include:

- Passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, and EEA state or a Commonwealth country
- Photographic driver's licence issued by the UK, Channel Island, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state (including provisional)
- European Economic Area (EEA) photographic ID Card
- UK Biometric Residence Permit
- An identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (PASS card) \*
- A Blue Badge
- Oyster 60+ Card
- A concessionary travel pass funded by HM Government or local authority\*\*

\*\* For example, East Sussex County Council Buss Pass; Disabled Person's Buss Pass.

Only original documents are accepted; scanned images or copies will not be accepted. If you do not have an up-to-date passport or driving licence, an expired one can be accepted, provided the photo still represents a current likeness

See full list of accepted Identity documents at [www.gov.uk/government/publications/voter-identification-at-polling-stations-and-the-new-voter-card/protecting-the-integrity-of-our-elections-voter-identification-at-polling-stations-and-the-new-voter-card#annex-a-list-of-identity-documents-that-will-be-accepted](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/voter-identification-at-polling-stations-and-the-new-voter-card/protecting-the-integrity-of-our-elections-voter-identification-at-polling-stations-and-the-new-voter-card#annex-a-list-of-identity-documents-that-will-be-accepted)

### **What if I don't have suitable photo ID?**

If you do not have any of the accepted photo ID, and you want to vote at the polling station, you will need to apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate. This is a free photographic identification document specific for the purposes of voting.

**The application process is not yet open, but we will update you with information when it becomes available in January.**

Voters who do not produce valid identification or a Voter Authority Certificate will not be allowed to vote on the day.