

Change for Elections from May 2023

Photographic ID required to vote in a Polling Station

This change will affect all voters who vote, in person or by proxy, at the next local elections on **Thursday 4th 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 [here](#).

Voters must bring suitable photographic ID to the polling station. The most commonly used IDs 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 Bus Pass.

Only original documents are accepted; not scanned images or copies. However, documents are accepted if the photo is still a current likeness.

There is a full list of accepted Identity documents [here](#).

No suitable photo ID?

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

We will update you when the application process for a VAC opens, which should be in January.

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