

Don't Lose Your Right To Vote

What is changing?

The UK Government has introduced a legal requirement for voters to present photo ID. This will apply to all UK General Elections taking place after October 2023.

What other options are there?

Voting by post:

- Requires an identity check when applying - rules tbd.



Voting by proxy:

- The person voting on your behalf shows their own ID, not yours.

To do either, you need to fill in an online application. Your local council can help if this is difficult for you.

Register to vote

Photo ID doesn't replace the need to register to vote.

www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

Check if you're eligible and register online at the above address.

Need extra help?

1. Ask somebody you trust for help
2. Contact your local council
3. Call the Electoral Commission helpline on: **0800 328 0208**

Which ID Can be used?

You need only one form, in the original version e.g:

- Passport
- Driving licence
- Blue badge
- Concessionary travel card
- Identity card with PASS mark
- Biometric immigration doc



Find a full list of other forms at: electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID

It's okay if your ID has expired, as long as it still looks like you.

What if you don't have ID?

If you don't have ID you can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate.

- Apply online at: voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk
- Apply by requesting a paper form from your local council
- Apply in person at your local council (some councils may not offer this)

To apply you will need:

- Name
- Address
- Date of birth
- National Insurance number
- A photograph (passport style)



Voter Authority Certificates don't expire so it is worth applying for them at any point.