

# Don't Lose Your Right To Vote

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

## What is changing?

To vote in some elections you will now need to bring photo ID to a polling station. This will first apply in the local elections taking place in England on **4 May 2023**.

## What other options are there?

### Voting by post:

- Does not require photo ID



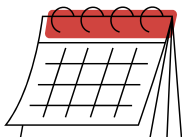
### Voting by proxy:

- 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.

## Deadlines for May 2023 Elections:

- Register to vote: Monday 17 April
- Apply for a postal vote: Tuesday 18 April
- Apply for a Voter Authority Certificate: Tuesday 25 April



## 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**

## What ID can you use?

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](https://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](https://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 apply for one even if you don't have local elections in your area.**