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The UK Government has introduced a requirement for voters to show photo ID when voting at a polling station at some elections. This new requirement will apply for the first time in England at the local elections on **Thursday 4 May 2023**.

Forms of ID that can be used to vote

You may already have a form of photo ID that is acceptable. You can use any of the following:

- Passport
- Driving licence (including provisional license)
- Blue badge
- Certain concessionary travel cards
- Identity card with PASS mark (Proof of Age Standards Scheme)
- Biometric Immigration document
- Defence identity card
- Certain national identity cards

[More information on which forms of photo ID will be accepted](#), or call their helpline on 0800 328 0280.

If you don't have an accepted form photo ID

If you don't already have an accepted form of photo ID, or you're not sure whether your photo ID still looks like you, you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate.

Apply for a voter authority certificate

Alternatively, you can complete a paper application form and send this to the electoral services team.

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

If you need any help with applying for a Voter Authority Certificate or want to request an application form, telephone 01253 477490 or 01253 477161

[Find out more](#)

[If you have any questions or would like to find out more](#), or call their helpline on 0800 328 0280.

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