**Voter ID**

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

**Which forms of ID can I use 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 licence)
•    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

**Please note:** If you have a form of accepted ID that is out of date, you can still use it to vote at a polling station if it still looks like you.

**If you don’t have an accepted form of 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.** You can apply for this at

[www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate](http://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate)

Application forms will be available online to download and print, or you can request a paper application form to be sent to you by the Electoral Services team at East Herts Council on 01279 655261.

The deadline to apply for a Voter Authority Certificatefor use at the elections in May 2023 is **5pm on Tuesday 25 April 2023.**

If you have any questions or would like to find out more, go to [www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id) or call their helpline on 0800 328 0280.