



Did you know?

You will need to take photo ID when you go to vote



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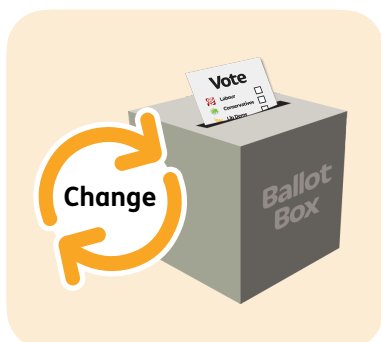


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Some words are [blue and underlined](#).
These are links that will go to another website which has more information.

What has changed?



The government has made a change to how we vote in **elections**.



An **election** is when we vote for a person who will become a member of government, like a Councillor or Member of Parliament (MP).



From 4 May 2023, you will need to take photo ID when you go to vote at a **polling station**.



A **polling station** is a place that has been set up for people to go and vote.

What is photo ID?



Photo ID is an official document which has a recent photo of yourself on it.

Photo ID is used to prove who you are.

Photo ID that you can take with you to vote includes:



- Your passport.



- Your drivers license.



- Your blue badge for disabled car parking spaces.



- Your disabled persons bus pass.



- Your older persons bus pass.



- Your PASS card.



The photo ID you take with you should be the real one, not a photocopy.

You can use photo ID that is out of date, but the photo must still look like you.

What if I don't have photo ID?



If you don't have any photo ID, you can apply for a free voter ID.

This is photo ID that you can use to vote. It is also called a voter authority certificate.



You should try to apply for a free voter ID if you need one by 25 April 2023.



This means you will then be able to vote in any elections that happen after the 4 May 2023.

What if I vote by post?



If you vote by post you do not need photo ID.

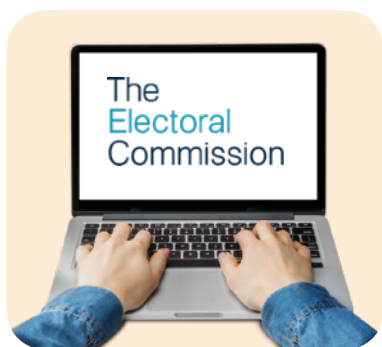


If you would like to apply to vote by post you can click this link:

www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/apply-vote-post

For more information

For more information you can look at either:



- The Electoral Commission website:
www.electoralcommission.org.uk



- The Government website:
www.gov.uk/how-to-vote

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