



# Do you know there are changes to how you can vote?

## If you want to vote at a polling station...

### Voters in England must show photo identification to vote at polling stations.

This applies to:

- UK General Elections;
- Local Government Elections; and
- Police and Crime Commissioner elections

### What photo identification is acceptable?

The most common forms of acceptable ID are shown below:

- A passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country (including an Irish Passport Card)
- A driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state (this includes a provisional driving licence)
- A Blue Badge
- UK Older Person's Bus Pass
- UK Disabled Person's Bus Pass
- 60 and Over Welsh Concessionary Travel Card
- Disabled Person's Welsh Concessionary Travel Card
- Identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)
- Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
- National identity card issued by an EEA state
- Voter Authority Certificate
- Anonymous Elector's Document

A full list of acceptable forms of photographic ID is available at [www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID)

You will only need to show **one** form of photo ID. It needs to be the **original version** and **not** a photocopy.

If you do not have any suitable photo ID, you can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate at [www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID) or call **01952 383206** to make an appointment to do this in person.

## Can't get to the Polling Station on election day? You could vote by post....

You can apply to vote by post online at [www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID)

If you are not able to apply online, you can ask the council to provide you with a form to complete and return by post. The number to call is **01952 383206**.

### Or by proxy....

You could arrange a proxy vote where someone else will be able to cast a vote on your behalf at the polling station. You can apply to vote by proxy online at [www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID)

If you are not able to apply online, you can ask the council to provide you with a form to complete and return by post. The number to call is **01952 383206**.

## Changes to postal voting

You now need to prove your identity when applying to vote by post. When you apply to vote by post on the government's new online portal, you will be told how to do this.

Every voter who wishes to vote will now have to make a new application every three years. The council will write to you when it is time for you to do so.

The government now requires you to complete, and sign, a form if you hand-deliver your postal vote. This means that, if you choose to hand in your postal vote at a polling station or at the council offices at Darby House, you must now complete a form before your postal vote pack will be accepted. If you do not do this, your vote will be rejected and will not be counted. To make sure you have the best chance of your vote being counted, please try to return it by post. Please post it in plenty of time to reach us before election day.

## Changes to proxy voting

If you are a proxy voter and vote on behalf of someone else, there are now limits on how many people you can vote for. You can only vote on behalf of four voters in total – only two of these can be people who live in the UK. This limit does not include your own vote. Further information about proxy voting can be found on the Electoral Commission's website at [www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID)

## Where can I get more information?

The council's website contains information and links which can assist you to find out more. You can visit the Elections webpage at [www.telford.gov.uk/elections](http://www.telford.gov.uk/elections)

Alternatively, you can also find out more information from the Electoral Commission's website at [www.electoralcommission.org.uk](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk)

## Not registered to vote?

You can register to vote online at **Register to vote - GOV.UK**, [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk), or you can contact Telford & Wrekin Council's Elections team on **01952 383206** for more information on how to register.



Scan the QR code to visit the council's  
Changes to Elections website page