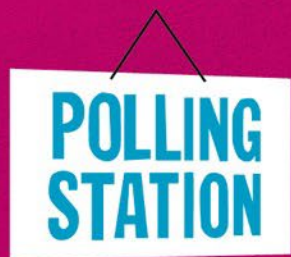


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We provide guidance to electoral administrators to help them deliver elections

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Voter Authority Certificates and Anonymous Elector's Documents

From May 2023 individuals, who wish to vote in person, including those acting as a proxy on behalf of another individual, will be required to produce an accepted form of photographic ID to prove their identity before they will be issued with a ballot paper.

This will apply at:

- UK parliamentary by-elections
- Recall petitions
- Police and Crime Commissioner elections
- Local government elections in England

The requirement for voter ID to be provided at UK Parliamentary General elections will only take effect for polls after 5 October 2023.

References in this guidance to a local government election should be read to include local government referendums unless otherwise stated.

The accepted forms of photographic ID are^[1] :

- a passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, the Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, the United Kingdom Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies

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Public awareness campaigns

We work to ensure that everyone who is eligible to vote is registered before the deadline and has the information to be able to vote. We target under-registered groups in particular

Our 'Got 5' voter campaign first launched in May 2018.



Got 5?

Register online to vote

2019 local elections Registration deadline 12 April
gov.uk/register tovote

YOUR VOTE MATTERS
DON'T LOSE IT

The Electoral Commission

Public awareness campaigns

We have also been responsible for running a public information campaign to alert voters about the new voter ID requirement.

Our 'Note to self' campaign, which first launched in January 2023, urges voters across England to prepare to show photographic ID in polling stations at the May 2023 elections.




Campaign advert



Example ballot papers





EDINBURGH CITY COUNCIL: LEITH WALK WARD

Four of the candidates listed below will be elected.
You can make as many or as few choices as you wish.
Put the number 1 in the voting box next to your first choice.
Put the number 2 in the voting box next to your second choice.
Put the number 3 in the voting box next to your third choice. And so on.

BALFOUR, Jeremy 6 Featherhall Drive, Corstorphine Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
BROCK, Deirdre L 3 Lane Avenue, Edinburgh Scottish National Party		1
BUCHANAN, Tom 2 Little Lane, Liberton Scottish National Party		3
BURNS, Andrew 78 Buccleugh Avenue, Edinburgh Scottish Labour Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
CHAPMAN, Maggie 5 Bellevue Lane, Broughton Scottish Green Party		4
DUNBAR, William Henry 122 Mountcastle Avenue South, Portobello Independent		6
FROST, Mark 24 Leadcave Crescent, Liberton Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
MACLAREN, Marilynne Angela 1910 Fowler Street, Edinburgh Scottish Liberal Democrats		<input type="checkbox"/>
MILLIGAN, Eric 2 Craighall Terrace, Edinburgh Scottish Labour Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
MUNN, Rob 67 Montgomery Road Scottish National Party		2
ROSE, Cameron 21 Blair Close, Edinburgh Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
WHITTAKER, Judith 33 Inverloch Court, Edinburgh Scottish Socialist Party		5

Election of the Member of Parliament for the [insert name of constituency] constituency

Vote for only one candidate by putting a cross in the box next to your choice

BASWRA, Paresh 2 The Cottages, Anytown XY8 8JG Liberal Democrat		<input type="checkbox"/>
CRANLEY, Alana 4 The Walk, Anytown XY9 5JJ Green Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
EDGBASTON, Richard (address in the Birmingham Northfield Constituency) The Common Good Party		<input type="checkbox"/>
GUNNIL-WALKER, Roger 33 The Lane, Anytown XY6 3GD The Labour Party Candidate		<input type="checkbox"/>
SMITH, Catherine Angelina 21 The Grove, Anytown XY2 5JP Independent		<input type="checkbox"/>
SMITH, Keith James 3 The Road, Anytown XY3 4JN The Conservative Party Candidate		<input type="checkbox"/>
ZANUCK, George Henry 17 The Parade Anytown XY9 5KP The United Kingdom Independence Party Candidate		<input type="checkbox"/>