

Voter ID - Bring photo ID to vote

From May 2023 voters will be required to show a form of photographic identification at polling stations before they are able to cast their vote.

This will affect all voters across the New Forest who vote in person or by proxy at the polling station and will be brought in for our next scheduled elections on Thursday 4 May 2023.

Types of photographic identification

A full list of accepted forms of ID will be included on your poll card.

This will arrive shortly before the scheduled elections in May and will be in an envelope addressed to you.

You will likely already have one of the following:

- a UK issued Passport
- a photographic driver's licence (including provisional)
- a European Economic Area (EEA) photographic ID Card
- a UK Biometric Residence Permit
- an identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (PASS card)
- a Blue Badge
- a concessionary travel pass - for example Hampshire County Council Bus Pass

You must bring the original document. Scanned images or copies will not be accepted. Out of date identification will be accepted if the photo is still a current likeness.

What to do if you do not have any photo ID

The deadline to apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate for use at our May elections is 5pm on Tuesday 25 April. Please apply as soon as possible in case we need to check any of your details.

If you do not have any of the accepted types of photo identification and you want to vote at the polling station, you will need to apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate on the gov.uk website.

You must be registered to vote to use this service.

This will be an A4 photographic identification document specifically designed to allow you to cast your vote.

Go to [www.https://newforest.gov.uk/Voter ID](https://newforest.gov.uk/Voter ID) to apply for Voter Authority Certificate

Paper application forms are available to download and print and should be returned by email to electoralservices@nfdc.gov.uk

or by post to

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