

## ELECTIONS MAY 2023

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



### Which forms of ID can I use to vote?

- 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

To find more information on which forms of photo ID will be accepted: [click here](#)

To view the voter ID booklet: [click here](#)

Telephone helpline number: 0800 328 0280

If you do not have an accepted form of photo ID, or you are 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 (VAC).

**To apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate:** [click here](#)

If you are having trouble applying online, you can complete a paper application form and send this to the electoral services team at Colchester City Council. If you need any help with applying for a Voter Authority Certificate or want to request an application form, contact the elections team.

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