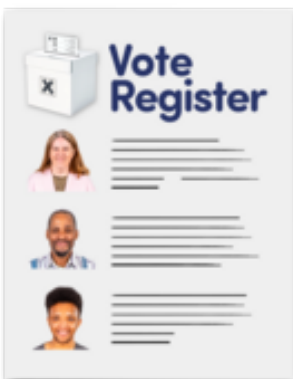


Applying for a Voter Authority Certificate



A Voter Authority Certificate is a free document you can use as photo ID for voting in an election .

You need **photo ID if you want to vote in person** at an election.



You need to be **registered to vote** before you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate.



If you need a Voter Authority Certificate to vote in the election it is a good idea to apply as soon as possible.

You can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate online on the Government's website : <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate>



Or you can fill in a paper application form .



If you need help to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate, or want a paper application form, contact your local council.



To find the contact details for your local council, go to the Electoral Commission's website:

<http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voter>



Or phone the Electoral Commission
helpline on 0800 328 0280



When you apply for your Voter Authority
Certificate, you will need to give your:

- Name



- address





- date of birth



It is a good idea if you know your National Insurance Number when you apply for your Voter Authority Certificate.



You can still apply for a Voter Authority Certificate if you do not know your National Insurance Number.



If you do not know your National Insurance Number, your local council will contact you to ask for something else to prove your identity.



When you apply for a Voter Authority Certificate, you will need to send a photo with the form.



There are rules about the photo you can send.

The rules are like the rules for a passport photo.



If you do not have a photo which keeps to the rules, your local council can take a photo for you.



To find out more about the rules for the photo, go to the Electoral Commission's website:

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