

Supporting people to participate in the UK general election



What is the Electoral Commission?

- We regulate political finance
- We register political parties
- We make sure the elections and referendums are free, fair and well-run
- We provide impartial information for voters ahead of elections so they feel confident to vote

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Key dates

Tuesday 18 June, 11.59pm

Deadline to register to vote

Wednesday 19 June, 5pm

Deadline to apply for a postal vote

Wednesday 26 June, 5pm

Deadline to apply for a proxy vote
and to apply for free voter ID

Thursday 4 July, 7am-10pm

Polling day

Registering to vote

In Scotland you can register to vote from the age of 14.

Register now at gov.uk/register-to-vote by **11:59pm on Tuesday 18 June**.

You'll need:

- Your name and address
- Your National Insurance number

You only need to register if you've never registered, or you've changed your name or address.

Contact your local electoral registration office if you need help.

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Register to vote

You can use this service to:

- get on the electoral register so you can vote in elections or referendums
- get on or off the open register
- update your name, address or nationality by registering again with your new details (if you live in the UK)

This service is also available in [Welsh \(Cymraeg\)](#)

Who can register

You must be aged 16 or over (or 14 or over in Scotland and Wales).

You must also be one of the following:

- a British citizen
- an Irish or EU citizen living in the UK
- a Commonwealth citizen who has permission to enter or stay in the UK, or who does not need permission
- a citizen of another country living in Scotland or Wales who has permission

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- 1 **Check if you can vote**
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You need to register to vote in elections and referendums. You need to register again if you have changed your name, address or nationality.
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- 3 **Decide if you want to vote in**

Who can vote in this election?

You can vote in the election if you are 18 or over on polling day, and you're a British, Irish or qualifying Commonwealth citizen.

Ways to vote

- You can vote in person, by post, or by proxy (where you choose someone you trust to vote on your behalf)
- If you want to vote by post or by proxy you need to complete an application online or via your local electoral registration office



Voter ID

- You need to show photo ID to vote in person at this election.
- Accepted forms of ID include a passport, driving licence, Young Scot card, older persons bus pass or disabled bus pass.
- The name on your photo ID needs to match the name you used to register
- Expired photo ID will be accepted if the voter still looks like they do in the photo.
- Only the original, hard copy version of a person's ID will be accepted – not a photocopy or digital version (such as an app).
- Anyone who doesn't have an existing form of ID can apply for free voter ID online or by contacting their local electoral registration office.



Applying for a Voter Authority Certificate

Online

- You can apply online at www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate.

By post

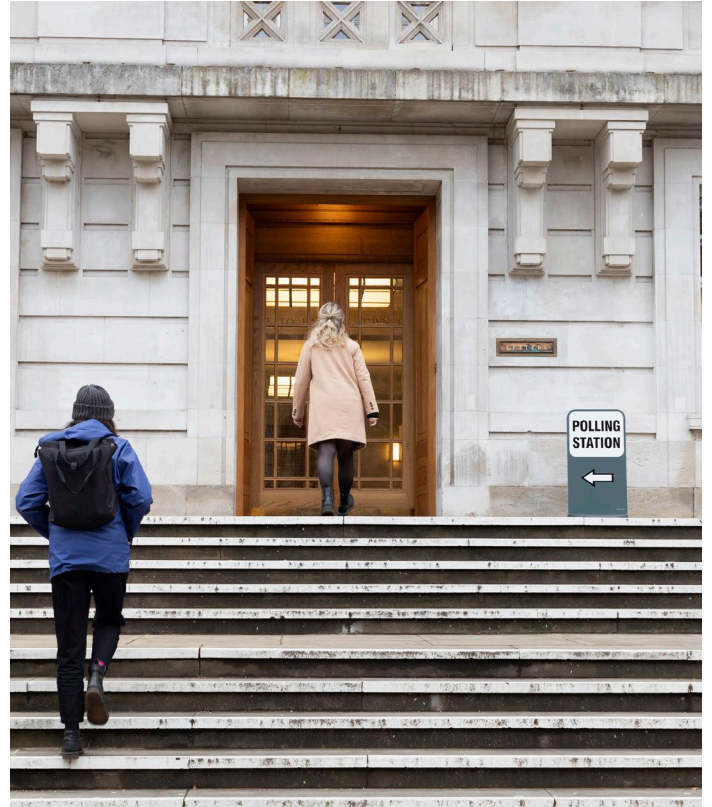
- You can apply by filling in a paper form and sending it to your local electoral registration office.

In person

- You may also be able to apply in person at your local electoral registration office, or over the phone.

What to expect at the polling place

- Staff at the polling place are there to help, and all staff will receive training on how to check ID sensitively.
- When a voter arrives, the staff member will:
 1. Ask for their name and check that they are on the electoral register
 2. Ask to see their ID
 3. Check that their ID looks like them



What to expect at a polling place

- A private area will be available at polling places so voters can choose to have their ID viewed in private if they want to.
- Once they have checked the photo ID and are happy that it is acceptable, they will give the voter their ballot paper and direct them to complete it in a polling booth as usual.



Assistance with the voting process

- Anyone who needs support with registering to vote, applying to vote by post or proxy, or applying for free voter ID should contact their electoral registration office.
- Disabled voters can bring a companion who is 18 or over with them to the polling place to help them vote.
- Polling staff are there to help and equipment will be available to support disabled voters.
- Anyone who wants to find out support and equipment will be available can contact their local council.





Resources to help you raise awareness



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Resources

[Resources for young people](#) | [Democratic engagement resources](#)

[Resources for Educators](#)

Use our resources to share information about voting and democracy. Take a look at our resources for young people. Download lesson plans and activities for use in the classroom or youth groups. Share our assets and get the message out.

Education resources

Download resources to help the people you work with prepare to vote in the election

- A series of eight activities, exploring the journey of your vote
- Educator notes to support delivery of these activities
- A presentation for events or assemblies



Voter registration

Download your voter registration resources

- Graphics
- Posters
- Guidance and posters for running a voter registration drive



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You can register to vote when you're 14 years old

All you need is your National Insurance number to come and register to vote.

Venue:

Time:

Remember to bring your National Insurance number.

Or register now at gov.uk/register tovot e



YOUR VOTE MATTERS
DON'T LOSE IT

Voter ID

Download your voter ID information resources

- Videos
- Posters
- Graphics
- Information in various formats

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Remember, bring photo ID when voting for an MP

There are many forms of photo ID you can bring when voting for an MP. These include:

 Driving license (including provisional)	 Passport	 Blue Badge
 Physical identity card with a PASS mark	 Older Person's Bus Pass	 Disabled Person's Bus Pass

Other forms of photo ID are accepted when voting for an MP
No ID? Apply for free voter ID now

Find out more at
electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID
or call 0800 328 0280

BSL users can get in touch using SignLive
Photo ID must be the original form, photocopies and digital versions won't be accepted



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