

Voter ID



Key messages

- For the first time people will need to show photo ID before voting at their polling station in the next local elections, to be held on 4 May 2023.
- This new requirement has been introduced by Government to safeguard voting at the polling station and will apply to the local and parish/town/community and village council elections taking place from May.
- Residents are being urged to make sure they are ready to vote in May by checking they have an accepted form of ID.
- Anyone who does not have one of the accepted forms of ID will be able to apply for free voter ID online from 16 January 2023 on the national website at www.voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk or by completing a paper form. If you're already registered the deadline to apply for free voter ID is 5pm, Tuesday, 25 April 2023. Anyone not registered to vote needs to do so by Monday, 17 April 2023, to be in time to apply for free voter ID.
- More information can be found at <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/your-council/elections-and-voting/voter-id/> with contact information for the Electoral Services Team at Bradford Council.

Resources to use and share

Below is a link to the Electoral Commission partner pack which has been designed to help raise awareness, and to support people to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate, ahead of the local elections in May 2023. The packs also include information on voter registration.

Within this pack there are guides, booklets for voters with translated versions, ready to print posters, digital resources such as images of social and suggested social copy and newsletter copy.

https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/partner-charity-or-local-council/voter-id-resources?utm_source=roll_call&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=voter_id&utm_content=local_authority_resources

There are also bespoke resources to support other groups who are likely to need support to prepare for the new voter ID requirement, including:

- Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities
- Older people
- People experiencing homelessness
- People who are registered to vote anonymously
- Trans and non-binary people