


# Voter ID at elections 2023

Electors must show photo ID to vote in a polling station from 4 May 2023



Voter ID -  
Your  
Guide

## Guide to applying for a Voter Authority Certificate

If you are registered to vote but do not have suitable photo ID, then you can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate. This Certificate is a new free voter photo document you can use to vote in person at a polling station.

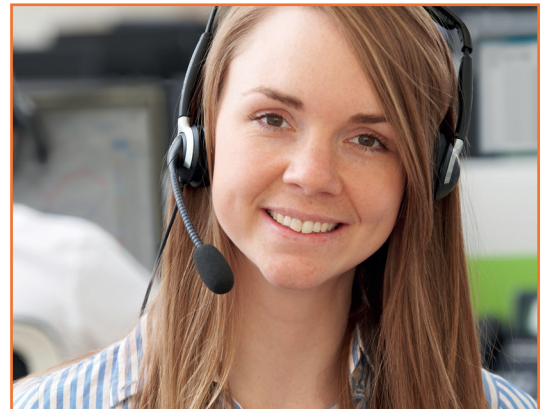
You cannot use it as proof of identification for any other reason. You should apply for a Voter Authority Certificate if:

- **you do not have accepted photo ID**
- **you no longer look like the photo on your ID**
- **the name on your photo ID is significantly different to your name on the electoral register.**

## Applying by paper form?

Before you complete the paper application form for a Voter Authority Certificate, please check the following information:

- You are registered to vote at your current address with the same name as shown on your ID. If you're not registered to vote or you need to change your name or address on the electoral register, you will need to register to vote before applying for a Voter Authority Certificate. Please get in touch with customer services to request details on how to register to vote.
- You will need to know your date of birth and your National Insurance number - you can still apply if you cannot provide a National Insurance number, but you will need to provide supporting documents and it may take longer to process your application.
- You will need a recent photo to go with your Voter Authority Certificate application form.
  - » You can provide a hardcopy photo or email a digital photo to [elections@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:elections@n-kesteven.gov.uk) or
  - » NKDC customer services can take your photo for you. They can also assist you to complete the application online at [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) if you would like help. Book an appointment at the NKDC Sleaford office by phone on **01529 414155** or email [customer\\_services@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:customer_services@n-kesteven.gov.uk)
  - » You need to provide a suitable photo showing your head and shoulders with your face uncovered. The full list of photo requirements are shown on page 4 of the application form.
- Once completed you can return your paper form together with a hardcopy photo either in person or post to **NKDC, Kesteven Street, Sleaford, NG34 7EF.**



## Need help with your application or getting a photo?

NKDC can help with your application and taking a photo. NKDC Customer Services can assist electors to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate via GOV.UK and can take a photo for their application. If you would like to use this service, please book an appointment by phone or email.

Call: **01529 414155** or email: [customer\\_services@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:customer_services@n-kesteven.gov.uk)

The deadline to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate to use at the **4 May 2023 elections is 5pm Tuesday 25 April 2023.**

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