

Supporting people to vote in May 2023 Elections

The Government has introduced a requirement for voters to show photo ID when voting in Polling Stations, starting in May this year.

On 28 April 2022, the Elections Act 2022 was granted Royal Assent which requires all voters to show photographic identification (photo ID) when they visit a polling station to cast their vote.

The most commonly used photographic IDs include:

- passports issued by:
 - the UK, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man
 - a British Overseas Territory
 - an European Economic Area (EEA) state
 - a Commonwealth country
- photographic driver's licences (including provisional) issued by:
 - the UK, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man
 - an EEA state
- EEA photo ID cards
- biometric residence permits
- identity cards that bear the **Proof of Age Standards Scheme (PASS Scheme)** hologram
- Blue Badges
- 60+ Oyster photocard
- Concessionary travel passes funded by the government, or a local authority. Examples include:
 - older person's bus passes
 - disabled person's bus passes
 - travel cards from Wales or Northern Ireland

Only original documents will be accepted. Scanned images or copies will not be accepted - however, expired documents are accepted if the photo is still a current likeness.

Anyone who does not have an accepted form of photo ID will be able to apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate.

Please use this link to download a booklet for voter which explains:

- How to register to vote
- Which forms of ID will be acceptable
- How to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate
- What to expect at the polling station
- Other ways to vote

For further information please visit Babergh Mid Suffolk District Council's electoral pages by using this link.