## **ID** for voting

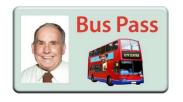


You will need to take photo ID with you when you vote at a **polling station**.



You will need to show 1 form of ID from this list:

- passport
- driving licence (a provisional licence is ok)
- identity card with **PASS mark**
- biometric immigration document
- defence identity card



Some concessionary travel cards and some national identity cards are ok.



If your photo ID is out of date, it is ok to use it if the photo still looks like you.





For more information about what you can use as photo ID, go to the <u>Electoral</u>

<u>Commission's website</u>

(<a href="https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID">https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID</a>)



contact your local council (Stroud District Council – <a href="mailto:elections@stroud.gov.uk">elections@stroud.gov.uk</a> / 01453 766321).



or phone our helpline on **0800 328 0280**.



If you do not have any of the ID on the list,



or you are not sure if your photo ID still looks like you





you can apply for a **Voter Authority Certificate**.



A Voter Authority Certificate is free.



You will be able to use your **Voter Authority Certificate** as photo ID when you vote at a **polling station**.

Guidance on applying for a Voter Authority Certificate on next page.



## **Applying for a Voter Authority Certificate**



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



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



or by filling 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 (Stroud District Council – <a href="mailto:elections@stroud.gov.uk">elections@stroud.gov.uk</a> / 01453 766321).





To find the contact details for your local council, go to the <u>Electoral Commission's</u> website

(<a href="https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk">https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk</a> /voter)



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When you apply for your **Voter Authority Certificate**, you will need to know 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 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 <u>Electoral Commission's</u> <u>website</u>

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