

There's an important change coming in for the local elections on May 4.

People who vote at a polling station will need to bring along photo identity.

This is so staff at the polling station can verify that you are who you say you are.

If you choose to vote by post, this will not affect you and there is no change to the way you vote.

The new photo ID is part of the Government's bid to clampdown on voter fraud.

On polling day, if you vote at a polling station you will need to bring photo ID with you.

You can only use accepted forms of ID such as a passport, a driving licence or concessionary travel card – but don't worry if you don't have these, you can apply for a voter ID document known as a Voter Authority Certificate.

The deadline to apply for one is 5pm on Tuesday, April 25 but ideally you should apply as soon as possible in case we need to check any details with you.

You can apply online by visiting the Government's website ([www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate](http://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate)) or you can complete a paper application form and send this to the electoral services team at your local council.

If you need help, call the helpline on 0800 328 0280.