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documents can still be used as accepted photographic ID at the polling station or signing place, as long as the photograph is still a good likeness of the elector. Where an individual does not have or does not wish to use one of these accepted forms of photographic ID, they can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate. This is a document containing an elector's name and photograph which can be obtained free of charge from their local Electoral Registration Officer (ERO), following verification of an applicant's identity. Anonymous electors wishing to vote in person will also need to produce photographic ID. Due to their entry on the polling station register being linked to their electoral number, rather than their name, the only accepted form of photographic ID for an anonymous elector will be an Anonymous Elector's Document. This is a document containing an anonymous elector's elector number and photograph which can be obtained free of charge from their local ERO, following verification of an applicant's identity. In Scotland, only electors on the UK parliamentary register are eligible to be issued with a Voter Authority Certificate or an Anonymous Elector's Document. The Voter Authority Certificate and Anonymous Elector's Document cannot be used as proof of identity for any other purpose than for voting. This guidance covers how individuals can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate or Anonymous Elector's Document, and how you as ERO should process and determine these applications. It also includes information on the production and delivery of these documents and what data should be retained following applications.

1. Rule 37, Schedule 1 Representation of the People Act 1983 ■ [Back to content at footnote 1](#) Last updated: 24 February 2023 [Book traversal links for Voter Authority Certificates and Anonymous Elector's Documents](#) [Resources for Electoral Registration Officers - Absent voting Applications for Voter Authority Certificates](#)