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In the UK, you are legally required to show photo identification (ID) when voting at a polling station at some elections (the 'voter ID requirement').



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

If someone feels that their name and address being on the electoral register could affect their safety, or the safety of someone in their household, they may be able to register to vote anonymously.



Unlike other voters who can use one of a range of different forms of photo ID, voters who are registered to vote anonymously and who wish to vote in person at a polling station will be required to apply for a free Anonymous Elector's Document instead.

Organisations working directly with voters, including local authorities and charities, can play an important role in supporting voters who are registered to vote anonymously, or who might benefit from doing so, to ensure they meet this requirement.

We've created this pack to help organisations raise awareness, and support the people you work with to apply for an Anonymous Elector's Document if needed. These resources also include information on voter registration.

What you'll find in this pack:

- ☑ A guide for your staff and volunteers
- A booklet for voters
- ☑ Other resources, including press resources and resources to support people who have no need to register to vote anonymously to meet their voter ID requirement

All resources are available in English and Welsh.

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The Electoral Commission is the independent body which oversees elections and regulates political finance in the UK. We work to promote public confidence in the democratic process and ensure its integrity.



If you have any questions about this pack, you can contact us at **partners@electoralcommission.org.uk** 



You can also sign up for our voter registration newsletter at **electoralcommission.org.uk/democratic-engagement-resources**, to stay up to date with our campaigns

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# **Guide for staff and volunteers**

Download our guide for staff and volunteers, which provides the key information they will need to help people they support to understand the voter ID requirement. The guide can be used digitally or printed, and explains:

- How to register to vote anonymously
- How to apply for an Anonymous Elector's Document
- Which elections require photo ID
- What anonymous electors can expect at the polling station
- Other ways to vote

#### Versions available:

- Accessible on-screen
- Print ready (greyscale)





Download the guide for staff and volunteers in English





Download the guide for staff and volunteers in Welsh



The guide is also available in braille, audio and large print plain text formats at **electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID** 

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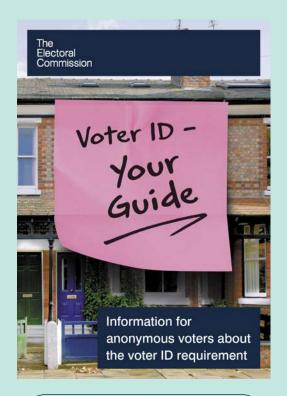
# Voter booklet

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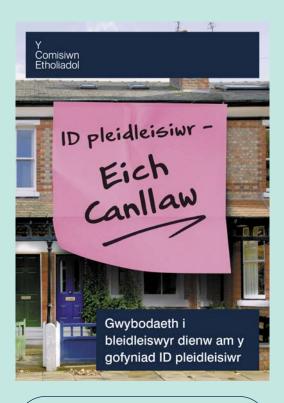
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# Web and newsletter copy

You can download template copy to share information about the voter ID requirement and how to apply for an Anonymous Elector's Document on your website and in newsletters.



Download web and newsletter copy in English



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### **Press resources**

You can download press resources to raise awareness of the voter ID requirement in your local area.



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## Other resources

You can also download a Partner Pack containing bespoke resources to support people who have no need to register to vote anonymously to meet their voter ID requirement.



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