

Application for a Voter Authority Certificate

For service voters and overseas voters

You can also apply online at voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk

Who can use this form?

The address at which you will receive your Voter Authority Certificate will depend on your personal circumstances. You can use this form to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate if you are registered to vote, or have applied to be registered, as:

- a member of the armed forces, or their spouse or civil partner
- a Crown servant or British Council employee, or their spouse or civil partner
- a British citizen living overseas

How do I apply?

- You must be eligible to vote, and registered, to get a Voter Authority Certificate. Contact your local electoral registration team in the UK, if you do not know if you are registered. If you are not registered, they can provide you with a paper voter registration form, or you can register online at gov.uk/register-to-vote.
- Fill in this application form. You will need to provide your address, a recent photo of you, and your National Insurance number. (You can still apply if you cannot provide a National Insurance number. You will need to provide supporting documents and it may take longer to process your application.)
- Return your completed application form to your local electoral registration team in the UK. You can find their address at electoralcommission.org.uk/voter. They must receive your form by 5pm, 6 working days before the election you wish to vote in.

Go online

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How to fill out this form

You should only use this form if you are registered, or have applied to be registered, as a service voter or an overseas voter. Please complete either **1A**, **1B**, or **1C** based on your personal circumstances and then complete the rest of the form.

Complete **1A** if you are:

- a member of the armed forces or their spouse or civil partner

Complete **1B** if you are:

- a Crown servant or British Council employee or their spouse or civil partner

Complete **1C** if you are:

- a British citizen living overseas

1A If you are a member of the armed forces, their spouse or civil partner

First name(s)

Last name

Your UK registration address

Postcode

Delivery address

Postcode/BFPO

Your Voter Authority Certificate will be sent to the delivery address you provide.

If you have filled in this section, please continue to section 2.

1B If you are a Crown servant or British Council employee or their spouse or civil partner

First name(s)

Last name

Your UK registration address

Postcode

Delivery address

Postcode

Your Voter Authority Certificate will be sent to the delivery address you provide.

If you have filled in this section, please continue to section 2.

1C If you are a British citizen living overseas

First name(s)

Last name

Your current address

Postcode

Your Voter Authority Certificate will be delivered to the address you provide.

If you have filled in this section, please continue to section 2.

2 Your date of birth

Please write your date of birth in the boxes below.

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If you don't know your date of birth, please tell us why and tick if you are:

Under 16 ☐ 16-17 ☐ 18 or over ☐

3 Your National Insurance number

Please write your National Insurance number in the boxes below. You can find this on your payslip, P60, or on official letters about tax, pensions or benefits.

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If you cannot provide a National Insurance number, please tell us why.

If you have provided a date of birth AND National Insurance number, skip to section 5.

If you have not provided both a date of birth and National Insurance number, we must verify your identity with other documents. It may take longer to process your application. Please continue to section 4.

4 Supporting documents

Complete this section only if you have not provided a date of birth and National Insurance number.

You must provide either:

- copies of **THREE** documents from the lists below with at least one document being from list A (the other two can be from either list) or
- copies of **FOUR** documents from list B.

Please include copies of the documents when sending your application form (**do not send originals**), or tick the box at the bottom to say you cannot provide the required documents.

Supporting documents list A:

Unless otherwise stated, these documents must be issued in the UK, Channel Islands, or Isle of Man.

- Birth certificate
- Marriage or civil partnership certificate
- Adoption certificate
- Firearms certificate (granted under the Firearms Act 1968)
- Paper driving licence (not photocard)
- Record of a bail decision (issued in England or Wales)
- Driving licence with photo (not issued in UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man) which must be valid for at least 12 months from the date the applicant entered the UK

Supporting documents list B:

- Bank or building society statement, or account confirmation letter
- Utility bill
- Credit card statement
- Benefits (or benefits entitlement) statement
- Mortgage statement
- P45 or P60 form
- Pension statement
- Council tax statement, or demand letter

☐ **I cannot provide the required documents**

(More info on page 5)

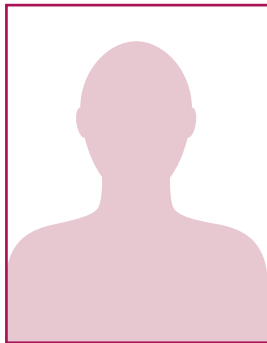
If you cannot provide the required documents

Please still submit this application form and someone will contact you. It may take longer to process your application.

5 Photo

You must supply a recent photo of your head and shoulders, with your face uncovered, to be printed on your Voter Authority Certificate.

Please read the full list of photo requirements on page 5 of this form and make sure the photo you supply is suitable.



Tick any boxes that apply below.

- ☐ I cannot meet the photo requirements (listed on page 5) due to a disability
- ☐ I cannot provide a photo

(More info on page 5)

If you cannot provide a photo

Please still submit this application form and someone will contact you. It may take longer to process your application.

6 Receiving your Voter Authority Certificate

You will receive your Voter Authority Certificate via post at the delivery address you provided on page 2.

If you need to collect your Voter Authority Certificate in person, please tell us the reason why.

We can contact you about your application more easily if you provide contact details in section 8.

7 Accessible formats

If your application is approved, please let us know if you want more information in an accessible format to be sent with your Voter Authority Certificate.

- ☐ Yes, I want information in braille
- ☐ Yes, I want information in large print
- ☐ Yes, I want easy-read information (pictures with easy words)

8 Contacting you about your application

Providing a phone number or email address gives us a quick and easy way to contact you about your application.

Phone no. (optional)

Email (optional)

If we cannot contact you easily, it may take longer to process your application.

9 Declaration

By submitting this application form you agree that:

- to the best of your knowledge, the information you have provided is true
- you understand that a Voter Authority Certificate is an identification document specifically for voting at a polling station and is not intended for any other identification purpose.

You also agree that your local Electoral Registration Office may:

- contact you if there are any issues with this application
- check your eligibility with the information they hold and have access to.

If your application contains deliberately false information, you could be fined and/or go to prison.

Signature

Today's date
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Address

If you have filled out section 1A or 1B on page 2, your UK registration address is the address where you are (or have applied to be) registered to vote.

Your delivery address is your current address, correspondence address or British Forces Post Office Number.

Supporting documents

The documents in list B can be the same type. For example, you can provide four bank statements from different months.

Photo

You must supply a recent photo of your head and shoulders, with your face uncovered, as part of this application.

It's recommended to write your name, house number and postcode on the back of your photo.

Your photo must be:

- clear and in focus
- in colour
- against a plain, light-coloured background
- your true likeness, with no photoshop or filters
- at least 45 x 35 mm (height x width) in size, and no bigger than 297 x 210 mm (height x width)
- undamaged (e.g. not torn, creased, or marked)

In your photo you must:

- face forwards and look straight at the camera
- be alone, with no other objects or people
- have a plain expression
- have eyes open and visible, with no hair in front of them
- not wear sunglasses, but normal glasses are fine if you typically wear them
- not have a head covering (except for religious or medical reasons)
- not have 'red-eye', glare or shadows over your face

If you have ticked the box on page 4 to say you have a disability, the photo you supply:

- doesn't need to have a plain expression
- doesn't need to have your eyes open and visible

Privacy statement

This privacy notice tells you what will happen to the personal information you supply with this application form.

The Electoral Registration Officer is the Controller. Their lawful basis for collecting the personal information is that the processing is necessary in order to perform a task in the public interest as set out in the Representation of the People Act 1983 and related regulations.

The Electoral Registration Officer is legally required to process your personal information securely and comply with data protection legislation. Please refer to their privacy notice which explains what they will do with your personal information. You can find their website address and contact details at **electoralcommission.org.uk/voter**.