

Have you got photo ID to be able to vote?

The Gloucestershire County Council Elections will take place on Thursday 1 May 2025. All voters are required to show an accepted form of photographic identification (photo ID) to be able to vote at a polling station. This will affect all voters who vote at a polling station. This change will not affect postal voters.

Your ID can be expired however your photo must still resemble a likeness to you to be able to present it in the polling station and be issued a ballot paper. If your name on your ID does not match what is listed on the electoral register, you may need to provide additional documentation (such as a marriage certificate) to confirm your identity. If you do not know if you have updated the electoral register you can re-register online on the link below or contact the office on the number below.

If you or someone you know doesn't have photo ID, then you can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate to use instead. Details of how to do this can be found on the link below.

You can apply online for a postal or proxy vote at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote> and register to vote online at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote).

**Key dates for Thursday 1 May 2025 elections:**

Registration Deadline – Midnight, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Deadline to apply to vote by Post- 5pm, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Deadline to apply to vote by Proxy- 5pm, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

Deadline to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate – 5pm, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

Polling Day – Thursday 1 May 2025 **7am – 10pm**

For more information about the upcoming elections and for a full list of accepted photo ID's, please go to the website [www.stroud.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/elections](http://www.stroud.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/elections) or call 01453 766321.