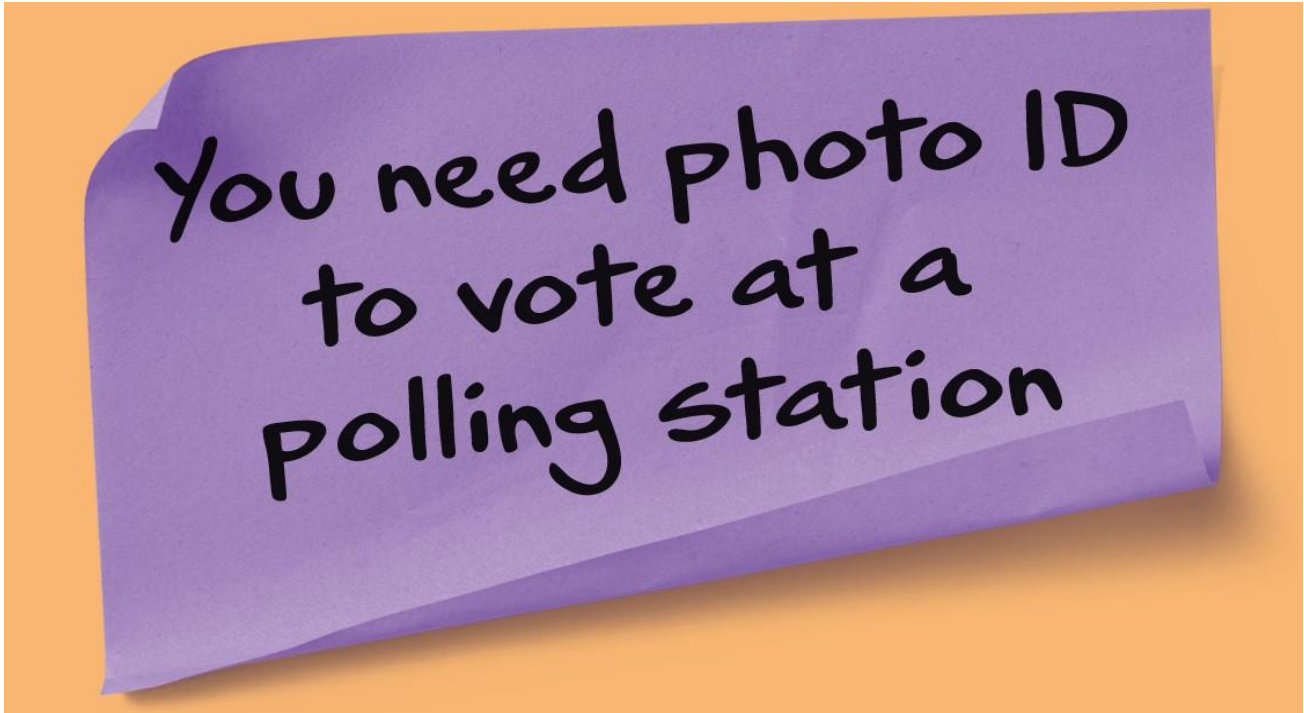




The General Election on Thursday 4 July 2024 will be the first since the Elections Act 2022 came into force and voters will see some significant changes, including:

- The requirement of photo ID at polling stations
- Limits on the number of postal votes that can be handed in by any individual

## PHOTO ID FOR VOTING



Voters may already have a form of photo ID that is acceptable, including the following:

- Passport.
- Driving licence (including provisional licence).
- Blue badge.
- Certain concessionary travel cards (such as an Older Person's Bus Pass or an Oyster 60+ card).
- Identity card with Proof of Age Standards Scheme (PASS) mark.
- Biometric Immigration document.
- Defence identity card.
- Certain national identity cards.

Voters will only need to show one form of photo ID, but it needs to be the **original version** and not a photocopy.

**Those without a valid ID can apply for a free "voter authority certificate" that will allow them to vote. More information is available on the Council's [photographic voter ID page](#).**

The deadline to apply for voter ID to vote in the General Election is 5pm, Wednesday 26 June 2024

## NEW POSTAL VOTE RULES

The  
Electoral  
Commission

YOUR VOTE MATTERS

DON'T LOSE IT



The rules on who  
can hand in postal  
votes in England  
have changed



The **Electoral Commission** says:

- *Voters will be only able to hand in their own postal vote, and the postal votes of up to five other people, at a polling station.*
- *Campaigners can only hand in their own postal vote, and postal votes for up to five other people that are either close relatives, or someone they provide regular care for.*
- *All individuals handing in postal votes to local authority offices or polling stations will need to complete a postal vote return form.*

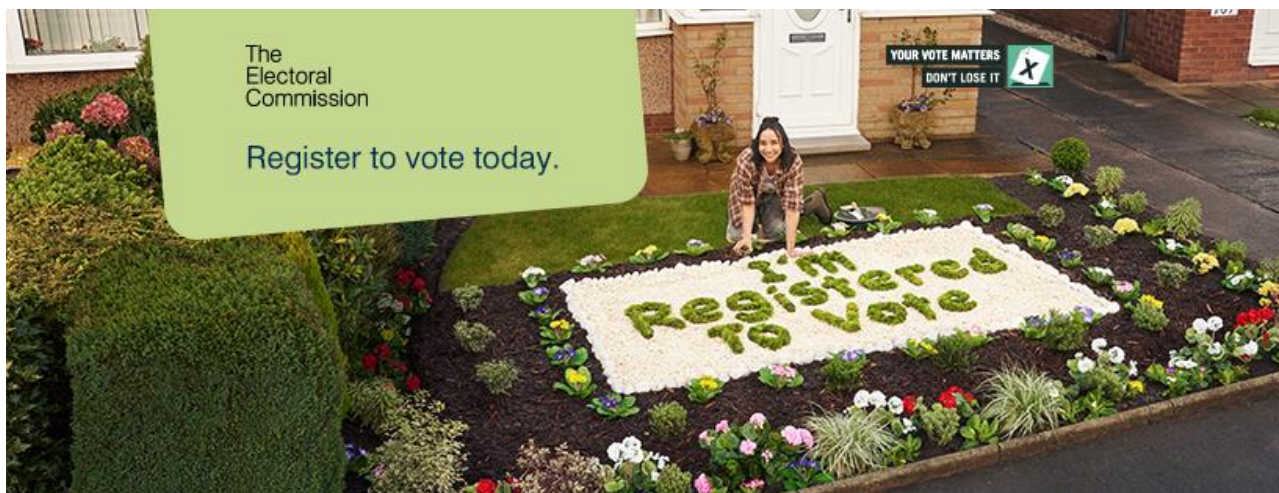
### *Changes to voting by post and proxy*

- *Voters can now apply online to vote by post and for some types of proxy vote*
- *Voters need to prove their identity when applying to vote by post and by proxy*
- *There are changes to how many people someone can act as a proxy for*
- *Voters need to reapply for a postal vote every three years. Long-term postal votes applied for before 31 October 2023 will now expire on 31 January 2026.*

Information about elections, including links about applying for postal and proxy voting can be found on [Isle of Wight Council's Electoral Registration page](#).

The deadline to apply for a postal vote in the General Election is 5pm, Wednesday 19 June 2024 and for a proxy vote is 5pm, Wednesday 26 June 2024

## REGISTER TO VOTE



If someone has moved recently, they may not be on the Electoral Register and will be unable to vote in the General Election. The council has a [Register to vote](#) page with relevant information. The deadline to update the register to be able to vote on in this election is Tuesday 18 June 2024.

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## THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION

The Electoral Commission is the independent body which oversees elections and regulates political finance in the UK. It works to promote public confidence in the democratic process and ensure its integrity. For more information about voting and elections, visit the [Electoral Commission website](#).

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