

Voter ID

It is now a legal requirement to take an accepted form of photo ID, such as your passport, disabled person's bus pass, or Voter Authority Certificate with you, if you want to vote in person at your polling station. The full list is available at myvotemyvoice.org.uk

You may also wish to take your poll card, which will be sent to your registered address before election day. You can still vote without it if you don't have it with you on the day.

You must be a registered elector to take part in elections.

Key dates for election on 7th May!

- The register to vote deadline is **Monday 20th April 2026**.
- Deadline to apply for a postal vote is 5pm on **Tuesday 21st April 2026**.
- Deadline to apply to vote by proxy is 5pm on **Tuesday 28th April 2026**.
- Deadline to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate is 5pm on **Tuesday 28th April 2026**.

Your Rights

Anyone with a learning disability is entitled to vote as long as:

- You are over 18.
- You are resident in the UK.
- You are a British, Irish or qualifying Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of the EU.*

What other people can do:

- Explain the ballot options to me.
- Use their knowledge of my communication methods to understand who I want to vote for.
- Come into the polling booth with me.
- Mark the ballot paper with my decision.

What other people can't do:

- Make a decision for me.
- Mark the ballot paper against my wishes.
- Stop me from voting because I have a learning disability.



YOUR

Voter PASSPORT



If you have any questions call our Elections Team on 01702 215010

www.southend.gov.uk/elections

About me

My name is:

I have a learning disability and/or autism.

I need reasonable adjustments to support me to vote in elections.

I will need support to:

- see the ballot paper
- read the ballot paper
- mark the ballot paper
- use the voting booth
- get around the polling station



YOUR VOTE MATTERS

List any other support you may need to help you vote:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

I would like support from:

- The Presiding Officer of the polling station.
- My companion or support worker, whose name is:

- My companion or support worker is 18 or over and has not previously assisted more than one voter with disabilities at this election.