

## **Bring photo ID when voting in local elections – Citizens Advice**

The government has introduced a requirement for voters to show a photo ID when voting at a polling station in local elections taking place in England. This will apply to residents of South Oxfordshire and Vale when they cast their ballots on 4 May 2023.

Acceptable forms of photo ID include a driver's licence, passport, some kinds of bus pass, and others. All of these IDs must be originals, not copies, but some expired documents will be accepted.

People who have no photo ID can contact South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) for a free Voter Authority Certificate (VAC), which will enable them to go ahead and vote. The deadline for applying for a VAC is 5 pm on 25 April. You can also apply for a VAC online at <https://www.gov.uk>, giving your name and address, date of birth and National Insurance number, and submitting a photo (similar specification to passport photos).

You can also vote by post, in which case no photo ID is needed. If you fill in a postal vote application form, this must arrive at SODC by 5 pm on 18 April. Your ballot paper must reach its destination by 10 pm on 4 May.

More information is available from <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk> or from Citizens Advice Adviceline on 0808 278 7907.