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Application for an Anonymous Elector's Document

From 4 May 2023, you must present photo ID when voting at a polling station at certain elections. As an anonymous elector, an Anonymous Elector's Document is the only form of photo ID you can use. You can check what type of elections require photo ID at <u>electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID</u>. Photo ID is not required at Scottish Parliament or Scottish council elections.

You must be eligible to vote, and registered as an anonymous elector, to get an Anonymous Elector's Document. If you do not know if you are registered, you can contact us to check. We can provide you with a paper voter registration form if you need one.

How do I apply?

You will need:

- the address where you are registered to vote
- a recent photo
- your National Insurance number (You can still apply if you do not have a National Insurance number. You will need to provide supporting documents and it may take longer to process your application)

An Anonymous Elector's Document is free of charge. We must receive your completed application form by 5pm, 6 working days before the election you want to vote in.

Return your form as soon as you can to the address at the top right of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Electoral Registration Officer

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Please write in black ink and use CAPITAL LETTERS. Make sure you fill in all required sections.

1 Your full name and address			
First name(s)			
Last name			
Your registered address			
Postcode (More info on page 4)			
2 Your date of birth			
Please write your date of birth in the boxes below. D D M M Y Y Y Y If you don't know your date of birth, please tell us why and tick if you are: Under 16			
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. If you cannot provide a National Insurance number, please tell us why.			
(Don't know your National Insurance Number? Please see section 7)			

4 Photo

You must supply a recent photo of your head and shoulders, with your face uncovered, to be printed on your Anonymous Elector's Document.

Please read the full list of photo requirements on page 4 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 4) due to a disability
- ☐ I cannot provide a photo

(More info on page 4)

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.

Receiving your Anonymous Elector's Document

You will receive your Anonymous Elector's Document via post at the address where you are registered to vote.

If you need to collect your Anonymous Elector's Document in person, please tell us the reason why.

6 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 Anonymous Elector's Document.

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

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7 Supporting documents

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

You must provide either:

- a copy of **ONE** document from list A **or**
- copies of THREE documents from lists B and C.
 At least one of the documents must be from list B
 (the other two can be from either list B or C) or
- copies of FOUR documents from list C

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:

- UK photocard driving licence
- Passport
- Biometric Immigration Document (issued in the UK)
- Driving licence with photo (issued in the Channel Islands or Isle of Man)
- Identity card (issued in the European Economic Area)
- Northern Ireland Electoral Identity Card

Supporting documents list B:

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 C:

- 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 4)

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.

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 are (or have applied to be) registered as an Anonymous Elector
- you understand that an Anonymous Elector's
 Document 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 D D	M M	YYYY

After you have submitted this application form

If your application is approved, you will be provided with your Anonymous Elector's Document. The document will have the title 'Elector's Document' at the top, and you will need to take it with you to vote in a polling station.

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Address

Your registered address is the address where you are (or have applied to be) registered to vote.

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 that you securely attach your photo to your application form.

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 3 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 at www.lanarkshire-vjb.gov.uk or contact them to request a copy.

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