

Bring
photo ID
to vote

Local Council elections

Photo ID is now needed in order to vote for some elections. With the local elections coming up soon on May the 4th, this new rule can influence who can provide it.

This rule has been placed because others could claim to be someone they're not, voting on someone else's behalf without them knowing. However, the fraudulent rate is under 2% and this new rule could also be "another obstacle to people from under privileged backgrounds or marginalised communities to vote," as stated in an interview with young people on Sky News.

Extra effort is caused to apply for a free voter ID which is needed if you do not have an accepted photo ID, no longer looks like your ID picture and your name is different from your name on the electoral register. A lot of people didn't know they could apply for one also.

Young and elderly people and their vote



The new rules may put people off voting in the future. Some people don't have the right documents, so they can't get an ID at all. This group of people are mainly groups like young people who haven't voted before and the elderly over 75.

Young and old people might struggle to get a photo ID because they might not have a driver's license or passport, which are some of the most common forms of ID. Some older people might not have a birth certificate or other documents they need to get an ID. Young people might not have a lot of experience with the process of getting an ID, and might not know what documents they need to bring or where to go to get one.

All of these things can make it harder for young and old people to vote if a photo ID is required. In smaller communities, without everyone being able to vote it seems that an unfair result would show from the elections.