STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2024 No. 1271

LONDON GOVERNMENT

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE, ENGLAND

The Voter Identification (Principal Area, Parish and Greater London Authority Elections) (Amendment) Rules 2024

Made - - - -	*3rd December 2024*
Laid before Parliament	*4th December 2024*
Coming into force	*26th December 2024*

The Secretary of State makes the following Rules in exercise of the powers conferred by section 36(1), (2) and (2A) of the Representation of the People Act 1983(**a**).

The Secretary of State has consulted the Electoral Commission in accordance with section 7(1) and (2)(d) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000(**b**).

Citation, commencement, extent and saving

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Voter Identification (Principal Area, Parish and Greater London Authority Elections) (Amendment) Rules 2024, and these Rules come into force on 26th December 2024.

(2) These rules extend to England and Wales.

(3) The amendments made by these Rules do not apply in relation to an election in respect of which the date of the poll as stated in the notice of the election published in accordance with the relevant rule, is before 1st May 2025.

(4) In paragraph (3), the "relevant rule" means—

(a) rule 3 of Schedule 2 or rule 3 of Schedule 3 to the Local Elections (Principal Areas) (England and Wales) Rules 2006(**c**);

(b) rule 3 of Schedule 2 or rule 3 of Schedule 3 to the Local Elections (Parish and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules 2006(**d**);

(c) rule 5 of Schedule 1, rule 5 of Schedule 2, rule 5 of Schedule 3, rule 5 of Schedule 5, rule 5 of Schedule 6 or rule 5 of Schedule 7 to the Greater London Authority Elections Rules 2007(**e**).

(**a**) 1983 c. 2. Subsection (1) was amended by section 13(2) of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (asc 1). Subsection (2A) was inserted by paragraph 4 of Schedule 3 to the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29).
(**b**) 2000 c. 41. Subsection (2)(d) was amended by paragraph 2(11) of Schedule 2 to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.
(**c**) S.I. 2006/3304; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2022/1397, 2023/1066.
(**d**) S.I. 2006/3305; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2022/1397, 2023/1066.
(**e**) S.I. 2007/3541; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2022/1397, 2023/1066.

Amendment of the Local Elections (Principal Areas) (England and Wales) Rules 2006

2. In the Local Elections (Principal Areas) (England and Wales) Rules 2006—

(a) in Schedule 2 (rules for conduct of an election of councillors of a principal area where the poll is not taken together with the poll at another election), in Part 7 (appendix of forms), for the form of the Official Poll Card (to be sent to an elector voting in person) and the form of the Official Proxy Poll Card (to be sent to an appointed proxy voting in person) substitute the corresponding forms in Part 1 of Schedule 1 to these Rules;

(b) in Schedule 3 (rules for conduct of an election of councillors of a principal area where the poll is taken together with the poll at a relevant election or referendum), in Part 7 (appendix of forms), for the form of the Official Poll Card (to be sent to an elector voting in person) and the form of the Official Proxy Poll Card (to be sent to an appointed proxy voting in person) substitute the corresponding forms in Part 2 of Schedule 1 to these Rules.

Amendment of the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules 2006

3. In the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules 2006—

(a) in Schedule 2 (rules for conduct of an election of councillors of a parish where the poll is not taken together with the poll at another election), in Part 7 (appendix of forms), for the form of the Official Poll Card (to be sent to an elector voting in person) and the form of the Official Proxy Poll Card (to be sent to an appointed proxy voting in person) substitute the corresponding forms in Part 1 of Schedule 2 to these Rules;

(b) in Schedule 3 (rules for conduct of an election of councillors of a parish where the poll is taken together with the poll at a relevant election or referendum), in Part 7 (appendix of forms), for the form of the Official Poll Card (to be sent to an elector voting in person) and the form of the Official Proxy Poll Card (to be sent to an appointed proxy voting in person) substitute the corresponding forms in Part 2 of Schedule 2 to these Rules.

Amendment of the Greater London Authority Elections Rules 2007

4. In Schedule 10 to the Greater London Authority Elections Rules 2007 (schedule of forms), for Form 12 (official poll card) and Form 14 (official proxy poll card) substitute the corresponding forms in Schedule 3 to these Rules.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government

Rushanara Ali
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

3rd December 2024

SCHEDULE 1

Rule 2

Local Elections (Principal Areas) (England and Wales) Rules 2006: New forms

PART 1

Forms for use at an election of councillors of a principal area where the poll is not taken together with the poll at another election

Official Poll Card (to be sent to an elector voting in person)

Front of form

YOU MUST BRING PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION TO VOTE
You will not be able to vote unless you show photographic identification to the polling station staff.
A full list of accepted photographic identification is set out overleaf.

Your details:

* *[Elector's name and qualifying address details here]*

* *Returning Officer to omit where poll card sent to an anonymous elector. Poll card to an anonymous elector must be delivered in a sealed envelope*

Electoral register number:

** *[You do not need to take this card with you in order to vote.]*

** *[You must have this card with you. You cannot vote without it.]*

** *If anonymous elector omit the words in the first set of brackets, if not omit the words in the second set of brackets.*

[Insert helpline and other details including website].

Poll card	
Election of councillors to *[insert name of local authority]*	
[Insert name of electoral division/ward]	
Date of election: *[Day] [Date] [Month] [Year]*	
Voting information	
Polling day	
Voting hours	
Your polling station will be	

This space for map or other information such as helpline and website details

It is an offence to:

- vote more than once at this election, unless you are voting on your own behalf and as a proxy for another person
- vote as a proxy on behalf of more than four electors, of which no more than two may be on behalf of other domestic electors (a domestic elector is one who is not a service elector).
- vote as a proxy for someone if you know that by law they are not allowed to vote

If you need any help or to find out if your polling station is accessible, please contact us.

If undelivered, return to:
[Insert return address]

Please turn over

If you are away or cannot go to the polling station on *[day] [date of poll]* you can do one of the following:

- Apply to vote by post. Completed applications must reach us **before 5pm on *[day] [date of deadline]***. If you are given a postal vote, you will not be able to vote in person at this election.

OR

- Apply to vote by proxy (this means someone else can vote on your behalf). Completed applications must reach us **before 5pm on *[day] [date of deadline]***. If you appoint a proxy, you can vote if you wish, but only if your proxy has not already voted on your behalf and has not got a postal vote for you.

If after 5pm on [the sixth day before the date of the poll] you are unable to vote in person because:

- **You have a medical emergency after 5pm on *[day] [date of deadline]***
- **You learn you cannot go to the polling station because of work reasons**
- **The form of accepted photographic identification that you were intending to use to vote has been lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed, or has not yet been received if applied for recently**

You can apply to vote by proxy. Completed applications must reach us **before 5pm on *[day] [date of deadline]***. To find out how to apply, call the helpline immediately.

The Returning Officer issued this card.

Rear of form

[Where the elector is not an anonymous elector, insert the text below]

Accepted forms of photographic identification

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- A passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country
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- A biometric immigration document
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- Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
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- A Blue Badge
- A national identity card issued by an EEA state
- An Older Person's Bus Pass
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- A Scottish National Entitlement Card issued in Scotland
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- A Half Fare SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- An Electoral Identity Card issued in Northern Ireland
- A Voter Authority Certificate or a temporary Voter Authority Certificate

If you do not possess any of the above forms of photographic identification, you can apply to your local Electoral Registration Officer for a free Voter Authority Certificate. Completed applications must reach us before 5pm on *[day] [date of deadline].*

If your photographic identification document has expired it will still be accepted so long as the photograph is still a good likeness of you, unless it is a temporary Voter Authority Certificate which is not valid for use on the date of poll.

You may be required to provide further proof of identity if there is any discrepancy between your name as shown on your form of photographic identification and the name of the elector that you claim to be.

[Where the elector is an anonymous elector, insert the text below]

Accepted form of photographic identification

You must present your Anonymous Elector's Document in addition to this poll card in order to vote in person at a polling station. The electoral register number on the Anonymous Elector's Document must match the electoral register number shown on this poll card to be accepted.

Official Proxy Poll Card (to be sent to an appointed proxy voting in person)

Front of form

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You will not be able to vote unless you show photographic identification to the polling station staff.
You will need to bring your own photographic identification, not that of the person you are proxy for.
A full list of accepted photographic identification is set out overleaf.

Your details:

* *[Proxy's name and qualifying address details here]*
* *Returning Officer to omit where poll card sent to an anonymous elector. Poll card to an anonymous elector must be delivered in a sealed envelope*

For this election you are proxy for:

*[(Elector's name)
(Elector's Address
(Elector's electoral register number)]
[The person with this electoral register number: (insert elector's electoral register number)]

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Proxy Poll card

Election of councillors to *[insert name of local authority]*

[Insert name of electoral division/ward]

Date of election: *[Day] [Date] [Month] [Year]*

Voting information

Polling day	
Voting hours	
Your polling station will be	

You will receive a proxy vote

** [The person named on this card] [Another person] has appointed you as a proxy to vote on their behalf at this election.

** [You do not need to take this card with you to vote.] [You must have this card with you when you vote. You cannot vote as a proxy without it.]

** *If sent to the proxy of an anonymous elector omit the words in each of the first sets of brackets, if not omit the words in each of the second sets of brackets.*

[Insert helpline and other details including website].

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- vote as a proxy for someone if you know that by law they are not allowed to vote

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- You can apply to vote by post. The deadline for completed applications is **5pm on *[day] [date of deadline]***.
- If you are given a postal vote, you or the person you are proxy for will not be able to vote in person at this election.
- **To find out how to apply, please call us on *[insert helpline number or other contact details].***

How to vote as a proxy

1. * [At the polling station, tell the staff that you are a proxy for the person named above. They will give you that person's ballot paper.] *[At the polling station, ask to speak to the presiding officer and show them this card. They will give you the ballot paper of the person you are proxy for.]
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2. Go to one of the voting booths.
3. Follow the instructions on how to mark the ballot paper.
4. Fold the ballot paper and put in the ballot box

If you need any help, just ask the staff.

The person you are proxy for can vote themselves if they wish – but only if you have not already voted on their behalf.

The Returning Officer issued this card

Please turn over

Rear of form

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PART 2

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(Elector's Address
(Elector's electoral register number)]
[The person with this electoral register number: (insert elector's electoral register number)]

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Proxy Poll card

Election of councillors to *[insert name of local authority]*

[Insert name of electoral division/ward]

Date of election: *[Day] [Date] [Month] [Year]*

Voting information

Polling day	
Voting hours	
Your polling station will be	

You will receive a proxy vote

** [The person named on this card] [Another person] has appointed you as a proxy to vote on their behalf at this election.

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SCHEDULE 2

Rule 3

Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules 2006: New forms

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[Insert helpline and other details including website].

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[Insert name of ward]	
Date of election: *[Day] [Date] [Month] [Year]*	
Voting information	
Polling day	
Voting hours	
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- Ministry of Defence Form 100 (HM Armed Forces Veteran Card)
- A Blue Badge
- A national identity card issued by an EEA state
- An Older Person's Bus Pass
- A Disabled Person's Bus Pass
- An Oyster 60+ Card
- A Freedom Pass
- A Scottish National Entitlement Card issued in Scotland
- A 60 and Over Welsh Concessionary Travel Card issued in Wales
- A Disabled Person's Welsh Concessionary Travel Card issued in Wales
- A Senior SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- A Registered Blind SmartPass or Blind Person's SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- A War Disablement SmartPass or War Disabled SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- A 60+ SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- A Half Fare SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- An Electoral Identity Card issued in Northern Ireland
- A Voter Authority Certificate or a temporary Voter Authority Certificate

If you do not possess any of the above forms of photographic identification, you can apply to your local Electoral Registration Officer for a free Voter Authority Certificate. Completed applications must reach us before 5pm on *[day] [date of deadline]*.

If your photographic identification document has expired it will still be accepted so long as the photograph is still a good likeness of you, unless it is a temporary Voter Authority Certificate which is not valid for use on the date of poll.

You may be required to provide further proof of identity if there is any discrepancy between your name as shown on your form of photographic identification and the name of the elector that you claim to be.

[Where the elector is an anonymous elector, insert the text below]

Accepted form of photographic identification

You must present your Anonymous Elector's Document in addition to this poll card in order to vote in person at a polling station. The electoral register number on the Anonymous Elector's Document must match the electoral register number shown on this poll card to be accepted.

Official Proxy Poll Card (to be sent to an appointed proxy voting in person)

Front of form

YOU MUST BRING PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION TO VOTE
You will not be able to vote unless you show photographic identification to the polling station staff.
You will need to bring your own photographic identification, not that of the person you are proxy for.
A full list of accepted photographic identification is set out overleaf.

Your details:

* *[Proxy's name and qualifying address details here]*
* *Returning Officer to omit where poll card sent to an anonymous elector. Poll card to an anonymous elector must be delivered in a sealed envelope*

For this election you are proxy for:

*[(Elector's name)
(Elector's Address
(Elector's electoral register number)]
[The person with this electoral register number: (insert elector's electoral register number)]

*if anonymous elector omit the words in the first set of square brackets, if not omit the words in the second set of square brackets

Proxy Poll card

Election of councillors to *[insert name of parish council]*

[Insert name of ward]

Date of election: *[Day] [Date] [Month] [Year]*

Voting information

Polling day	
Voting hours	
Your polling station will be	

You will receive a proxy vote

** [The person named on this card] [Another person] has appointed you as a proxy to vote on their behalf at this election.

** [You do not need to take this card with you to vote.] [You must have this card with you when you vote. You cannot vote as a proxy without it.]

** *If sent to the proxy of an anonymous elector omit the words in each of the first sets of brackets, if not omit the words in each of the second sets of brackets.*

[Insert helpline and other details including website].

If you are away or cannot go to the polling station on *[day] [date of poll]*

- You can apply to vote by post. The deadline for completed applications is **5pm on *[day] [date of deadline]***.
- If you are given a postal vote, you or the person you are proxy for will not be able to vote in person at this election.
- **To find out how to apply, please call us on *[insert helpline number or other contact details].***

It is an offence to:

- vote more than once at this election, unless you are voting on your own behalf and as a proxy for another person
- vote as a proxy on behalf of more than four electors, of which no more than two may be on behalf of other domestic electors (a domestic elector is one who is not a service elector).
- vote as a proxy for someone if you know that by law they are not allowed to vote

How to vote as a proxy

1. * [At the polling station, tell the staff that you are a proxy for the person named above. They will give you that person's ballot paper.] *[At the polling station, ask to speak to the presiding officer and show them this card. They will give you the ballot paper of the person you are proxy for.]
   * *If anonymous elector omit the words in the first set of square brackets, if not omit the words in the second set of square brackets*
2. Go to one of the voting booths.
3. Follow the instructions on how to mark the ballot paper.
4. Fold the ballot paper and put in the ballot box

If you need any help, just ask the staff.

If you need any help or to find out if your polling station is accessible, please contact us.

The person you are proxy for can vote themselves if they wish – but only if you have not already voted on their behalf.

If undelivered, return to:
[Insert return address]

The Returning Officer issued this card

Please turn over

Rear of form

[Where the elector is not an anonymous elector, insert the text below]

Accepted forms of photographic identification

You must present one of the following forms of photographic identification in order to vote in person at a polling station:

- A passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country
- A driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or an EEA state
- A biometric immigration document
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- An Oyster 60+ Card
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- A Senior SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- A Registered Blind SmartPass or Blind Person's SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- A War Disablement SmartPass or War Disabled SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- A 60+ SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- A Half Fare SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- An Electoral Identity Card issued in Northern Ireland
- A Voter Authority Certificate or a temporary Voter Authority Certificate

You will need to bring your own photographic identification, not that of the person you are proxy for.

If you do not possess any of the above forms of photographic identification, you can apply to your local electoral registration officer for a free Voter Authority Certificate. Completed applications must reach us before 5pm on *[day] [date of deadline]*.

If your photographic identification document has expired it will still be accepted so long as the photograph is still a good likeness of you, unless it is a temporary Voter Authority Certificate which is not valid for use on the date of poll.

You may be required to provide further proof of identity if there is any discrepancy between your name as shown on your form of photographic identification and the name of the proxy that you claim to be.

[Where the elector is an anonymous elector, insert the text below]

Accepted form of photographic identification

You must present your Anonymous Elector's Document in addition to this poll card in order to vote in person at a polling station. The electoral register number on the Anonymous Elector's Document must match the electoral register number shown on this poll card to be accepted.

PART 2

Forms for use at an election of councillors of a parish where the poll is taken together with the poll at another election or referendum

Official Poll Card (to be sent to an elector voting in person)

Front of form

YOU MUST BRING PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION TO VOTE
You will not be able to vote unless you show photographic identification to the polling station staff.
A full list of accepted photographic identification is set out overleaf.

Your details:

* *[Elector's name and qualifying address details here]*

* *Returning Officer to omit where poll card sent to an anonymous elector. Poll card to an anonymous elector must be delivered in a sealed envelope*

Electoral register number:

** *[You do not need to take this card with you in order to vote.]*

** *[You must have this card with you. You cannot vote without it.]*

** *If anonymous elector omit the words in the first set of brackets, if not omit the words in the second set of brackets.*

[Insert helpline and other details including website].

Poll card	
Election of councillors to *[insert name of parish council]*	
[Insert name of ward]	
Date of election: *[Day] [Date] [Month] [Year]*	
Voting information	
Polling day	
Voting hours	
Your polling station will be	

This space for map or other information such as helpline and website details

It is an offence to:

- vote more than once at this election, unless you are voting on your own behalf and as a proxy for another person
- vote as a proxy on behalf of more than four electors, of which no more than two may be on behalf of other domestic electors (a domestic elector is one who is not a service elector).
- vote as a proxy for someone if you know that by law they are not allowed to vote

If you need any help or to find out if your polling station is accessible, please contact us.

If undelivered, return to:
[Insert return address]

Please turn over

If you are away or cannot go to the polling station on *[day] [date of poll]* you can do one of the following:

- Apply to vote by post. Completed applications must reach us **before 5pm on *[day] [date of deadline]***. If you are given a postal vote, you will not be able to vote in person at this election.

OR

- Apply to vote by proxy (this means someone else can vote on your behalf). Completed applications must reach us **before 5pm on *[day] [date of deadline]***. If you appoint a proxy, you can vote if you wish, but only if your proxy has not already voted on your behalf and has not got a postal vote for you.

If after 5pm on [the sixth day before the date of the poll] you are unable to vote in person because:

- **You have a medical emergency after 5pm on *[day] [date of deadline]***
- **You learn you cannot go to the polling station because of work reasons**
- **The form of accepted photographic identification that you were intending to use to vote has been lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed, or has not yet been received if applied for recently**

You can apply to vote by proxy. Completed applications must reach us **before 5pm on *[day] [date of deadline]***. To find out how to apply, call the helpline immediately.

The Returning Officer issued this card.

Rear of form

[Where the elector is not an anonymous elector, insert the text below]

Accepted forms of photographic identification

You must present one of the following forms of photographic identification in order to vote in person at a polling station:

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If your photographic identification document has expired it will still be accepted so long as the photograph is still a good likeness of you, unless it is a temporary Voter Authority Certificate which is not valid for use on the date of poll.

You may be required to provide further proof of identity if there is any discrepancy between your name as shown on your form of photographic identification and the name of the elector that you claim to be.

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Accepted form of photographic identification

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Official Proxy Poll Card (to be sent to an appointed proxy voting in person)

Front of form

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You will not be able to vote unless you show photographic identification to the polling station staff.
You will need to bring your own photographic identification, not that of the person you are proxy for.
A full list of accepted photographic identification is set out overleaf.

Your details:

* *[Proxy's name and qualifying address details here]*

* *Returning Officer to omit where poll card sent to an anonymous elector. Poll card to an anonymous elector must be delivered in a sealed envelope*

For this election you are proxy for:

*[(Elector's name)
(Elector's Address
(Elector's electoral register number)]
[The person with this electoral register number: (insert elector's electoral register number)]

*if anonymous elector omit the words in the first set of square brackets, if not omit the words in the second set of square brackets

Proxy Poll card

Election of councillors to *[insert name of parish council]*

[Insert name of ward]

Date of election: *[Day] [Date] [Month] [Year]*

Voting information

Polling day	
Voting hours	
Your polling station will be	

You will receive a proxy vote

** [The person named on this card] [Another person] has appointed you as a proxy to vote on their behalf at this election.

** [You do not need to take this card with you to vote.] [You must have this card with you when you vote. You cannot vote as a proxy without it.]

** *If sent to the proxy of an anonymous elector omit the words in each of the first sets of brackets, if not omit the words in each of the second sets of brackets.*

[Insert helpline and other details including website].

If you are away or cannot go to the polling station on *[day] [date of poll]*

- You can apply to vote by post. The deadline for completed applications is **5pm on *[day] [date of deadline]***.
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It is an offence to:

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How to vote as a proxy

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4. Fold the ballot paper and put in the ballot box

If you need any help, just ask the staff.

If you need any help or to find out if your polling station is accessible, please contact us.

The person you are proxy for can vote themselves if they wish – but only if you have not already voted on their behalf.

If undelivered, return to:
[Insert return address]

The Returning Officer issued this card

Please turn over

Rear of form

[Where the elector is not an anonymous elector, insert the text below]

Accepted forms of photographic identification

You must present one of the following forms of photographic identification in order to vote in person at a polling station:

- A passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country
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- A biometric immigration document
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You will need to bring your own photographic identification, not that of the person you are proxy for.

If you do not possess any of the above forms of photographic identification, you can apply to your local electoral registration officer for a free Voter Authority Certificate. Completed applications must reach us before 5pm on *[day] [date of deadline]*.

If your photographic identification document has expired it will still be accepted so long as the photograph is still a good likeness of you, unless it is a temporary Voter Authority Certificate which is not valid for use on the date of poll.

You may be required to provide further proof of identity if there is any discrepancy between your name as shown on your form of photographic identification and the name of the proxy that you claim to be.

[Where the elector is an anonymous elector, insert the text below]

Accepted form of photographic identification

You must present your Anonymous Elector's Document in addition to this poll card in order to vote in person at a polling station. The electoral register number on the Anonymous Elector's Document must match the electoral register number shown on this poll card to be accepted.

SCHEDULE 3

Rule 4

Greater London Authority Elections Rules 2007: New forms

Form 12 (official poll card)

Front of form

YOU MUST BRING PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION TO VOTE
You will not be able to vote unless you show photographic identification to the polling station staff.
A full list of accepted photographic identification is set out overleaf.

Your details:

* *[Elector's name and qualifying address details here]*
* *Constituency Returning Officer to omit where poll card sent to an anonymous elector. Poll card to an anonymous elector must be delivered in a sealed envelope*

Electoral register number:

** *[You do not need to take this card with you in order to vote.]*
** *[You must have this card with you. You cannot vote without it.]*
** *If anonymous elector omit the words in the first set of brackets, if not omit the words in the second set of brackets.*

[Insert helpline and other details including website].

Poll card	
Greater London Authority Elections	
Election of the Mayor of London **London Assembly Member for *[constituency]*** **London Members of the London Assembly**	
Date of election: *[Day] [Date] [Month] [Year]*	
Voting information	
Polling day	
Voting hours	
Your polling station will be	

This space for map or other information such as helpline and website details

It is an offence to:

- vote more than once at this election, unless you are voting on your own behalf and as a proxy for another person
- vote as a proxy on behalf of more than four electors, of which no more than two may be on behalf of other domestic electors (a domestic elector is one who is not a service elector).
- vote as a proxy for someone if you know that by law they are not allowed to vote

If you need any help or to find out if your polling station is accessible, please contact us.

If undelivered, return to:
[Insert return address]

Please turn over

If you are away or cannot go to the polling station on *[day] [date of poll]* you can do one of the following:

- Apply to vote by post. Completed applications must reach us **before 5pm on *[day] [date of deadline]***. If you are given a postal vote, you will not be able to vote in person at this election.

OR

- Apply to vote by proxy (this means someone else can vote on your behalf). Completed applications must reach us **before 5pm on *[day] [date of deadline]***. If you appoint a proxy, you can vote if you wish, but only if your proxy has not already voted on your behalf and has not got a postal vote for you.

If after 5pm on [the sixth day before the date of the poll] you are unable to vote in person because:

- **You have a medical emergency after 5pm on *[day] [date of deadline]***
- **You learn you cannot go to the polling station because of work reasons**
- **The form of accepted photographic identification that you were intending to use to vote has been lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed, or has not yet been received if applied for recently**

You can apply to vote by proxy. Completed applications must reach us **before 5pm on *[day] [date of deadline]***. To find out how to apply, call the helpline immediately.

The Constituency Returning Officer issued this card

Rear of form

[Where the elector is not an anonymous elector, insert the text below]

Accepted forms of photographic identification

You must present one of the following forms of photographic identification in order to vote in person at a polling station:

- A passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country
- A driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or an EEA state
- A biometric immigration document
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- A Voter Authority Certificate or a temporary Voter Authority Certificate

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[Where the elector is an anonymous elector, insert the text below]

Accepted form of photographic identification

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Form 14 (official proxy poll card)

Front of form

YOU MUST BRING PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION TO VOTE
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You will need to bring your own photographic identification, not that of the person you are proxy for.
A full list of accepted photographic identification is set out overleaf.

Your details:

* *[Proxy's name and qualifying address details here]*
* *Constituency Returning Officer to omit where poll card sent to an anonymous elector. Poll card to an anonymous elector must be delivered in a sealed envelope*

For this election you are proxy for:

*[(Elector's name)
(Elector's Address
(Elector's electoral register number)]
[The person with this electoral register number: (insert elector's electoral register number)]

*if anonymous elector omit the words in the first set of square brackets, if not omit the words in the second set of square brackets

Proxy Poll card

Greater London Authority

Election of the Mayor of London

London Assembly Member for *[constituency]*
London Members of the London Assembly

Date of election: *[Day] [Date] [Month] [Year]*

Voting information

Polling day	
Voting hours	
Your polling station will be	

You will receive a proxy vote

** [The person named on this card] [Another person] has appointed you as a proxy to vote on their behalf at this election.

** [You do not need to take this card with you to vote.] [You must have this card with you when you vote. You cannot vote as a proxy without it.]

** *If sent to the proxy of an anonymous elector omit the words in each of the first sets of brackets, if not omit the words in each of the second sets of brackets.*

[Insert helpline and other details including website].

If you are away or cannot go to the polling station on *[day] [date of poll]*

- You can apply to vote by post. The deadline for completed applications is **5pm on *[day] [date of deadline]***.
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How to vote as a proxy

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If you need any help, just ask the staff.

If you need any help or to find out if your polling station is accessible, please contact us.

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If undelivered, return to:
[Insert return address]

Please turn over

The Constituency Returning Officer issued this card

Rear of form

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules)

These Rules make provision related to the requirement for voters to present photographic identification when voting at polling stations. The rules amend the rules governing the election of principal area councillors and parish councillors in England, and the election of the Mayor of London and members of the London Assembly by updating the prescribed form of poll card and proxy poll card to reflect changes to the list of acceptable identification in rule 37(1H) to (1J) of Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2), which is shown on each card.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

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