

My Voting Passport

My Vote
My Voice

About me

My name is:

I have a learning disability and/or autism and I need reasonable adjustments to support me to vote in this election.

Below, please list anything that will help you to vote in a polling station:

(e.g. no waiting in long queues; not going in the polling booth; staying with your support worker; any other disabilities)

I also need:

(tick any that apply)

To be shown a large print ballot paper

Someone to read out the candidates on the ballot paper

Someone to mark the ballot paper with my decision

The person I would like this support from is:

(tick the option below that applies)

Eligible to vote in the UK

Not eligible to vote in the UK and will need to work with the Presiding Officer to support me

Other information

It is now a legal requirement to take an accepted form of ID, such as passport or Voter ID Certificate, in order to vote. The full list is available at myvotemyvoice.org.uk

You may also wish to take the following information, which is not legally required:

- Identification for the person supporting you e.g. a passport or birth certificate.
- A copy of a letter with your address on it e.g. a bank bill or utility bill.
- Your polling card (this will be sent to your registered address before voting day. You can still vote without it, if you don't have it on the day).

If you would like more information about voting with a learning disability, you can visit www.myvotemyvoice.org.uk

Know My Rights

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

- They are over 18
- They are resident in the UK
- They are a citizen of Britain, Northern Ireland or the Commonwealth

Elections Act (2022)

- Section 9 requires returning officers to “take all reasonable steps” to provide support for disabled voters at polling stations.

Mental Capacity Act (2005)

- Section 29 of this act states that voting rights should not be impacted by my mental capacity.

Electoral Administration Act (2006)

- Section 73 of this act removes any limitations on me voting based on my mental state.

Equality Act (2010)

- Section 20 of this act places a duty to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate my disability/ies.

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.

