

## Appendix A

# Implementation of the Elections Act 2022



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## Elections Act 2022

In force for May 2023

- Voter Authority Certificate
- Voter ID
- Disability Provisions



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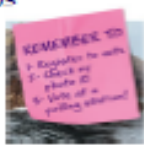
## Voter Identification

- From 4 May, applies to:
  - UK Parliamentary by-elections
  - UK Parliamentary recall petitions
  - Police and Crime Commissioner elections in England and Wales
  - Local government elect and referendums in England
- From 5 October, also applies to:
  - UK Parliamentary general elections

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## Voter Identification


- Raising awareness
  - National publicity "Note to Self"
  - Poll card information
  - Spring Crawley Live
  - Community/Disability groups
  - Social media
  - Council website



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## Voter Identification


- Voter Authority Certificate
  - Applications via national website.
  - Paper/ in person applications
  - deadline 5pm 25 April
  - emergency proxy



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## Voter Identification

- Staff training



- Increased staffing in polling stations
- Polling station equipment

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## Accessibility

- A general responsibility to take all reasonable steps to support voters with disabilities
- The provisions for voters to be assisted by a companion will be extended to allow anyone over the age of 18 to assist
- Electoral Commission guidance due imminently.
- Staff Training
- Awareness raising of provisions

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## Remaining Provisions

### 4 May 2023.

- Change of voting system - The voting system used for PCC, election has changed from Supplementary Vote to First Past the Post for polls taking place on or after Overseas Electors .

### August 2023

- scrap the 'fifteen-year rule' to allow all British citizens living overseas to vote in UK Parliamentary elections, regardless of when they left the UK
- enable electors to apply online for an absent vote, with both online and paper applications requiring the applicant's identity to be verified
- require postal voters to reapply every three years, replacing current rules of refreshing their signature every five years (reserved polls)
- further limit the number of people someone may act as proxy

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### May 2024

- restrict the handing of postal votes, including limiting the number of postal votes an individual can hand in
- absent vote secrecy- the secrecy of the ballot requirements in polling stations extended to absent voting
- changes to candidates addresses come into force
- changes to commonly used names come into force

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