

My Voting Passport



About me

My name is:

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I have a learning disability and/or autism.

I need reasonable adjustments to support me to vote in an election.

(List anything that will help you to vote in a polling station e.g. not waiting in long queues; not going in the polling booth; staying with your support worker; any other disabilities)

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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

I would like this support from:

and (tick the option that applies)

- they are a close relative (father, mother, brother, sister, spouse, civil partner, son or daughter – if they are 18 years or over)
and/or
- they are eligible to vote in the U.K.

Other information to take to the polling station

You can take your poll card with you (this will be sent to your registered address before the day of the election). You can still vote without it as long as you are registered to vote, for example if you don't have your poll card on the day. If you would like more information about voting with a learning disability, you can call **0333 103 1928**.

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 the UK, Ireland, a Commonwealth country or a citizen of a European Union country (citizens of the EU can vote in local elections only)

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.