

Support My Vote

About me:

My name is:

I have a learning disability /autism/brain injury/physical disability/visual impairment (delete those that are not applicable).

I will need reasonable adjustments to support me to vote in the election.

(List anything that will help you to vote in a polling station e.g. support presenting my ID; no waiting in long queues; not going in the polling booth; staying with the person supporting me, other support):

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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 (Name of person supporting):

and (tick the option that applies)

- they are eligible to vote in the UK
- they are not eligible to vote in the UK and they will need to work with the Presiding Officer to support me.

Things I might need to take to the polling station:

- Identification e.g. a passport or birth certificate;
- Identification for the person supporting you e.g. a passport or birth certificate. (This is needed to make sure that UK election rules are not broken if the person supporting you is not entitled to vote);
- Proof of address e.g. a bank bill or utility bill;
- My polling card - this will be sent to your registered address before the election. (You can still vote without it, if you don't have it on the day);

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Guidance

My Right to Vote:

Everyone is entitled to vote if:

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

My Rights and The Law:

Mental Capacity Act (2005)

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

Electoral Administration Act (2006)

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

Equality Act (2010)

Section 20 of this act means that reasonable adjustments must be made to accommodate my disability/ies.

What people supporting me can do:

- Explain the choices on the ballot paper to me;
- Use their knowledge of how I communicate to understand who I want to vote for;
- Come into the polling booth with me;
- Mark the ballot paper with my decision;

What people supporting me can't do:

- Make a decision for me;
- Mark the ballot paper against my wishes;

You can find out more information about registering to vote and voting by post (in English and Welsh) at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/registering-to-vote-easy-read-guide>

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