The way you re-apply for a postal vote has changed

Postal votes now expire every 3 years

Please note:

New legislation requires postal voters to renew their postal vote no later than **31st January 2026**.

If you made an application before **31st October 2023** you will need to re-apply this year. If this applies to you, we will contact you either by an email or a letter in the post.

How do I re-apply?

- You will need to fill out a new application.
- The quickest and simplest way to re-apply is online at www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote or scan the QR code.
- You will need your **National Insurance Number.**
- You will be asked to upload a copy of your **handwritten** signature.

What if I cannot provide a signature?

- If you have a disability or are unable to provide a consistent signature, you can still make an online application, or you may contact us.

What will happen?

- To avoid reminders being sent out, please respond by 21st July 2025.
- Your postal vote will be cancelled if you do not renew by 31st January 2026.
- If you no longer want a postal vote and wish to vote at a polling station, then you must take an accepted form of photo ID to vote in person. www.gov.uk/how-to-vote/photo-id-youll-need
- Electors moving address should register to vote at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote and apply for a new postal vote.
- If you no longer want a postal vote, please contact us including your full name and address.

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