
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2022 No. 1382

**COUNCIL TAX, ENGLAND
LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND
POLICE, ENGLAND AND WALES
REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING, ENGLAND**

The Voter Identification Regulations 2022

Made - - - - 22nd December
2022
Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1

THE VOTER IDENTIFICATION REGULATIONS 2022

PART 1

Introduction

1. Citation, commencement and saving
2. Extent
3. Interpretation

PART 2

Applications for electoral identity or anonymous elector's documents

4. Identity document applications: general
5. Identity document applications made through the digital service
6. Verification of information provided in an identity document application
7. Power to request additional evidence where certain information is unavailable or where the registration officer considers it necessary
8. Registration officer's right to inspect certain records
9. Power to require information

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made).

PART 3

Determination of applications

10. Postponement of determination of identity document applications
11. Determination of identity document applications
12. Notification following determination
13. Appeal following determination
14. Processing of information provided in connection with an identity document application

PART 4

Design, issuing, delivery, collection etc. of electoral identity documents, anonymous elector's documents etc.

CHAPTER 1

Design of documents

15. Design of electoral identity documents, anonymous elector's documents, etc.

CHAPTER 2

Issuing and delivery or collection of electoral identity documents and anonymous elector's documents

16. Issuing of electoral identity documents and anonymous elector's documents
17. Delivery or collection of issued electoral identity documents and anonymous elector's documents

CHAPTER 3

Issuing of temporary electoral identity documents

18. Issuing of temporary electoral identity documents
19. Temporary electoral identity documents: supplemental

CHAPTER 4

Record of issued documents

20. Record of anonymous elector's documents and electoral identity documents
21. Duties of registration officer and staff in relation to the record
22. Supply, disclosure and use of record for the purposes of relevant elections, petitions and referendums
23. Supply of the record to police forces and other organisations
24. Offence in respect of contravention of regulation 21(4) or (6), 22(2) or (3) or 23(3) or (4)

PART 5

Anonymous elector's documents: reminders and replacement

CHAPTER 1

Reminders

25. Reminder of the need for an anonymous elector's document: general
26. Reminder of the need for an anonymous elector's document: transitional provision

CHAPTER 2

Replacement of anonymous elector's documents: change of electoral number

27. Application and interpretation of Chapter 2
28. Notification as to replacement
29. Replacement of anonymous elector's document following change of electoral number

CHAPTER 3

Replacement of anonymous elector's documents following loss etc. of document

30. Replacement of anonymous elector's document following loss etc. of document

PART 6

Ballot paper refusal lists and signing sheet refusal lists

31. Ballot paper refusal list at parliamentary elections
32. Inspection etc. of the completed ballot paper refusal list or signing sheet refusal list

PART 7

Rule 40B of the elections rules: collection and collation of information

33. Application of rule 40B of the parliamentary election rules
34. Collection of information by the presiding officer
35. Collation of information by relevant registration officer or returning officer

PART 8

Amendments relating to the conduct of parliamentary elections

36. Amendment of the Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 1986
37. Amendment of the Representation of the People (Combination of Polls) (England and Wales) Regulations 2004

PART 9

Amendment of the Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001 and the Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 2001

38. Amendment of the Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001
39. Amendment of the Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 2001
40. Amendments consequential on regulation 39
41. Amendment of the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2008

PART 10

Amendment of conduct rules for other elections, referendums and recall petitions

42. Amendment of the Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007
43. Amendment of Schedule 1 (mayoral elections rules)
44. Amendment of Schedule 2 (modifications of Acts and statutory instruments)
45. Amendment of Schedule 3 (mayoral election combination of poll rules)
46. Amendment of the Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (England) Regulations 2012
47. Amendment of regulation 13 (combination of referendum polls: supplementary)
48. Amendment of Schedule 3 (local government act referendum rules)
49. Amendment of Schedule 4 (application, with modifications, of Acts and subordinate legislation)
50. Amendment of Schedule 5 (local government act referendum combination of polls rules)
51. Amendment of the Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (Council Tax Increases) (England) Regulations 2012
52. Amendment of Schedule 3 (local government finance act referendum rules)
53. Amendment of Schedule 4 (application, with modifications, of Acts and subordinate legislation)
54. Amendment of Schedule 5 (local government finance act referendum combination of polls rules)
55. Amendment of the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections Order 2012
56. Amendment of article 2 (interpretation)
57. Amendment of article 13A (combination of polls: National Assembly for Wales)
58. Amendment of article 18 (other voting offences)
59. Amendment of Schedule 2 (absent voting in PCC elections)
60. Amendment of Schedule 3 (PCC election conduct rules)
61. Amendment of Part 3 of Schedule 4 (modifications to PCC elections rules for combination of polls)
62. Amendment of Part 5 of Schedule 4 (modifications to PCC elections rules for combination of poll with the poll for an election to Senedd Cymru)
63. Amendment of the Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012
64. Amendment of Schedule 3 (neighbourhood planning referendum rules)

65. Amendment of Part 1 of Schedule 4 (application, with modification, of other Acts and subordinate legislation)
66. Amendment of Schedule 5 (neighbourhood planning referendum combination of polls rules)
67. Amendment of Schedule 6 (registering to vote in a business referendum)
68. Amendment of the 2016 Regulations
69. Amendment of regulation 2 (application)
70. Amendment of regulation 3 (interpretation)
71. Amendment of regulation 17 (appointment of petition assistants)
72. Amendment of regulation 18 (issue of official petition notice)
73. Amendment of regulation 19 (equipment at petition signing place)
74. New regulation 20A (provision of private area for production of proof of identity: England and Wales and Scotland)
75. Amendment of regulation 25 (questions to be put to persons signing the petition)
76. Amendment of regulation 27 (signing procedure: England and Wales and Scotland)
77. Amendment of regulation 29 (signing sheets endorsed by petition clerk)
78. Amendment of regulation 30 (tendered signing sheets)
79. New regulation 30A (refusal to deliver signing sheet: England and Wales and Scotland)
80. Amendment of regulation 33 (daily verification and storage)
81. Amendment of regulation 37 (procedure on close of petition)
82. Amendment of regulation 43 (sealing up of signing sheets)
83. Amendment of regulation 44 (delivery of documents to the registration officer: England and Wales and Northern Ireland)
84. Amendment of regulation 45 (orders for production of documents: England and Wales and Northern Ireland)
85. Amendment of regulation 60 (general requirements for applications for absent signing)
86. New regulation 63A (additional requirements for applications for the appointment of a proxy on grounds relating to identification: England and Wales and Scotland)
87. Amendment of regulation 69 (additional requirements: applications for an emergency proxy signature in respect of a particular petition: England and Wales and Scotland)
88. New regulation 69A (additional requirements: applications for an emergency proxy signature in respect of a particular petition on grounds relating to identification: England and Wales and Scotland)
89. Amendment of regulation 71 (closing date for applications: England and Wales and Scotland)
90. New regulation 71A (grounds relating to identification: England and Wales and Scotland)
91. Amendment of regulation 144 (forms)
92. Amendment of Schedule 2 (forms)
93. Amendment of the Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017
94. Amendment of Schedule 1 (combined authorities mayoral election rules)
95. Amendment of Schedule 2 (modifications of Acts and statutory instrument)
96. Amendment of Schedule 3 (combined authority mayoral election combination of polls rules)
97. Amendment of the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections (Welsh Forms) Order 2021
Signature

SCHEDULE 1 — Enabling Powers

SCHEDULE 2 — Identity document applications: photograph requirements

1. A photograph included in an identity document application (“the photograph”)...
2. The photograph must be a close-up photograph of the head...
3. (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the photograph must show the...
4. The photograph must be in colour and taken against a...
5. The photograph must be— (a) in sharp focus and clear,...
6. For an application made other than via the digital service,...
7. For an application made via the digital service, the photograph...

SCHEDULE 3 — Requirements for the design of anonymous elector’s documents, electoral identity documents, and temporary electoral identity documents

1. Requirements for the design of the anonymous elector’s document
2. Requirements for the design of the electoral identity document
3. Requirements for the design of the temporary electoral identity document

SCHEDULE 4 — Prescribed form of ballot paper refusal list at parliamentary elections

SCHEDULE 5 — Representation of the People (Combination of Polls) (England and Wales) Regulations 2004: New Form of directions for the guidance of voters

SCHEDULE 6 — New forms of official poll cards and official proxy poll cards at parliamentary elections

PART 1 — New forms for the Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001

PART 2 — New forms for the Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 2001

SCHEDULE 7 — Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007: New forms

PART 1 — Forms for use at a mayoral election in England where the poll is not taken together with another election or referendum

PART 2 — Forms for use at a mayoral election in England where the poll is taken together with another election or referendum

SCHEDULE 8 — Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (England) Regulations 2012: New forms

PART 1 — Forms for use at a referendum where the poll is not taken together with another election or referendum

PART 2 — Forms for use at a referendum where the poll is taken together with another election or referendum

SCHEDULE 9 — Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (Council Tax Increases) (England) Regulations 2012: New forms

PART 1 — Forms for use at a referendum where the poll is not taken together with another election or referendum

PART 2 — Forms for use at a referendum where the poll is taken together with another election or referendum

SCHEDULE 10 — Police and Crime Commissioner Elections Order 2012: New forms

PART 1 — New proxy paper form

PART 2 — Forms for use at a PCC election

SCHEDULE 11 — Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012: New forms

PART 1 — Forms for use at a referendum where the poll is not taken together with another election or referendum

PART 2 — Forms for use at a referendum where the poll is taken together with another election or referendum

SCHEDULE 12 — Recall of MPs Act 2015 (Recall Petition) Regulations 2016: New forms

SCHEDULE 13 — Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017: New forms

PART 1 — Forms for use at a mayoral election where the poll is not taken together with another election or referendum

PART 2 — Forms for use at a mayoral election where the poll is taken together with another election or referendum

SCHEDULE 14 — Police and Crime Commissioner Elections: Welsh form of words and Welsh and English forms

PART 1 — New Part 2 of Schedule 1 (Welsh versions of forms of words)

PART 2 — New Welsh and English Forms

Explanatory Note