

Postal Vote Renewal

Changes brought in by the Elections Act 2022, mean postal votes now expire every 3 years and need to be renewed.

If an elector applied for a postal vote before 31 October 2023, they must renew it by 31 January 2026 to keep voting by post. If they don't renew it, they will need to vote in person at their polling station.

Due to the volume of postal voters who will need to make a new application by 31 January 2026 we are asking that they do so as soon as possible.

How to renew

Visit the government website (visit www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote)

They will need:

- Their national insurance number
- To upload a photo of a handwritten signature in black ink on plain white paper

All electors who are required to make a new application before 31 January 2026 will be sent a paper form later in the year. Electors do not need to contact the elections team to request this.

A copy can be downloaded by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote>

Completed forms should be returned to Electoral Services, Derbyshire Dales District Council, Town Hall, Matlock, DE4 3NN or email to electoral@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

Please get in touch if you need more information.

Regards

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