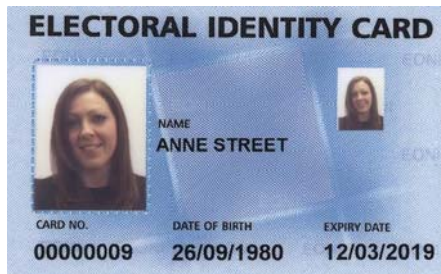




## Electoral Identity Card



This leaflet provides information about the Electoral Identity Card and explains how to apply for one



## What is the Electoral Identity Card?

The Electoral Identity Card is one of the forms of photographic identification which you must produce to prove your identity when you vote at elections in Northern Ireland.

The other forms of acceptable identification are:

- A Northern Ireland or Great Britain driving licence with your photograph
- A passport issued by the United Kingdom or any other Member State of the European Community
- A Translink 60+ SmartPass
- A Translink Senior SmartPass
- A Translink Blind Person's SmartPass
- A Translink War Disabled SmartPass

What else can the card be used for?

The Electoral Identity Card is accepted as proof of identity or age by:

- Banks and building societies when opening a bank account
- UK Airlines (for domestic flights to and from Northern Ireland)
- Pubs and clubs
- Off-licences and retailers selling alcohol and tobacco

## How do I apply for a card?

Applications may be made either by post or in person at an Area Electoral Office. To obtain a card you must be listed on the Electoral Register, or have applied to be registered.

### APPLICATIONS BY POST:

To get an application form please contact us by phone or email and

we will post one out to you, or visit our website (see back of leaflet).

All postal applications must be accompanied by appropriate photographic identity. The identity document must be original – copies will not be accepted. Examples of acceptable documents are:

- **Citizenscard**
- **Driving licence (photographic element)**
- **Firearms Certificate**
- **National Identity Card**
- **Passport**
- **Sports club pass**
- **Student Card**
- **Translink SmartPass**
- **Works pass**

#### **APPLICATIONS IN PERSON:**

Applications may be made in person at any Area Electoral Office where your photograph will be taken for the card. You will not need to provide identity if you apply in this way as you will be asked to complete an application form containing personal information. You will be required to give your:

- **Surname**
- **Forename(s)**
- **Address**
- **Date of birth**
- **National Insurance Number**
- **Signature**

The information you provide on your application form will be checked against the information provided when you registered to vote. Provided all the information matches, you can expect to receive your card within 7 days.

## **Cards with Braille**

If you have a visual impairment you can apply for a card with a Braille overlay. If you require a card with Braille please make a note on your form if applying by post or inform the Area Office staff if applying in person.

## **What do I do if I lose my card?**

If you have lost your card you should contact us and we will arrange for a replacement to be issued to you. If your details have changed since you

originally received your card, you will need to apply for a new one.

## **Contacting the Electoral Office**

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A Language Line service is available if you would prefer to communicate with us in a language other than English.

This leaflet is available in Braille, large print and audio formats upon request. Please contact the Information Officer on 0800 4320 712 or via email to [info@eoni.org.uk](mailto:info@eoni.org.uk).

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