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## LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTIONS 2023

### Notice regarding the Requirement for Voters to produce Identity at the Polling Stations

Voters are required to prove identity at the polling station in the poll to be held for the Local Authorities Elections on 09<sup>th</sup> of March 2023 Only the Following identity documents are accepted for this purpose.

1. National Identity Card issued by the Department for Registration of Persons;
  2. Valid Passport;
  3. Valid Driving License;
  4. Government Pensioners' Identity Card;
  5. Elder's Identity Card;
  6. Identity Card issued for the Clergy by the Department for Registration of Persons;
  7. Letter of validation that confirms information on the NIC, issued by the Department for Registration of persons;
  8. Temporary driving license issued by the Motor Traffic Department to those who have applied for driving licenses and for the renewal of driving licenses;
  9. Special Identity Card issued by the Election Commission.
02. No other documents viz. other types of Identity cards, certified photographs, or the acknowledgement receipt issued for applying for national identity card or any other document other than the identity documents listed above, will be accepted at the polling station as a valid identity document to issue a ballot paper.
03. Electors who are not in possession of any one of the identity documents specified in 1-9 above or the identity card he possesses is defaced or the photograph is not recognizable, such persons should obtain the special identity card issued by the Elections Commission in order to prove his identity at the polling station.
04. The last date for the receiving of applications for special identity cards issued by the Election Commission is **02<sup>nd</sup> of March 2023**. Any person desirous of obtaining the special identity card should meet the Grama Niladhari of his area or the Estate Superintendent if he is a resident in an estate, at the earliest, with two copies of black and white or coloured photograph of the applicant in the dimensions of 2.5cm and 3cm (1 ¼" × 1") (equivalent to the size required for the National Identity Card).
05. Application forms for the special identity cards can be obtained from the Grama Niladhari/ Estate Superintendent. The completed application form should be handed over to the Grama Niladhari/Estate Superintendent along with 2 photographs. The special identity cards will be issued to the applicants before the date of the poll.

By order of the Election Commission,

  
**Saman Sri Rathnayaka**  
Commissioner General of Elections