

COMPANIES HOUSE IDENTITY VERIFICATION WHAT IS NOW REQUIRED?

Identity verification is being introduced for directors, people with significant control (PSC) and those who file at Companies House.

Verification is currently voluntary, but will be made mandatory from this autumn. From autumn 2025, mandatory identity verification will be required:

- When you file your company's confirmation statement;
- If you are appointed as a director; or
- If you become a PSC.

In the future, it will be a legal requirement for all directors and PSCs to verify their identity, and there may be financial penalties for not doing so. It is now possible for directors and PSCs to voluntarily verify their identity in advance of mandatory verification.

The online verification process should only take 10 to 15 minutes, so it is a good idea to do this ahead of the deadline in case of any problems that may arise.

VERIFICATION

There are three ways to verify your identity:

Online: This route uses GOV.UK One Login to verify your identity using a photo ID (such as a passport or driving licence) and is free of charge. Depending on your answers to certain questions, you will be guided to verify using the GOV.UK mobile phone app or in your web browser.

In person at a Post Office: This is again free of charge and can be done at any Post Office that offers in-branch verification. However, photo ID is still required, and you will need to enter details online to start.

Use an Authorised Corporate Service Provider: Accountants and lawyers may offer this service, but a fee will most likely be charged.

Once you have successfully verified, you'll get a unique identifier known as a Companies House personal code. This code will be required when, for example, filing your company's confirmation statement. Verify your identity at Companies House, if you haven't already, by starting [here](#).

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