

# ✓ NC VOTER ID FACTS

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## NC voters can choose from many forms of photo ID.

Starting in 2023, voters will be asked to show photo ID to vote. **If you have one of the IDs below, you are ready to vote.** The address on the photo ID does not have to match the voter registration records. In most cases, your ID must be unexpired or expired for less than 1 year.

- NC driver's license
- US passport or passport card
- NCDMV-issued state ID ("non-operator ID")
- Out-of-state driver's license or non-operator ID (*only accepted if you have registered to vote in NC within 90 days of the election*)
- Military ID
- Veteran's ID
- Tribal enrollment card
- Some student IDs (*list available online*)
- Some public employee IDs (*list available online*)
- NC voter photo card issued by the Board of Election (*available now*)



List of approved student and state employee IDs.

This list is current as of 8/16/2023.

For the most up to date list, visit <https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/voter-id>

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## What can I do right now to get a free Voter Photo ID card?

**Get one from your County Board of Elections.** No special documents are needed. You simply provide your name, date of birth, and the last four digits of your Social Security number, and have your photo taken. In most cases, you will get your ID on the spot.

**Get one from the DMV.** Any North Carolina resident can get a free non-operator ID card from the DMV. You'll need to bring proof of age, identity, Social Security number, and NC residency. Most people will be fine with a certified birth certificate, a Social Security card, and a utility bill (bring originals!). The DMV website (<https://www.ncdot.gov/>) has a long list of other documents you can use, too. You can make an appointment at the NCDMV or walk-in and wait. ID cards mail in 20 days.

## Can I vote without a photo ID?

**Yes, via provisional ballot.** All voters will be allowed to vote with or without a photo ID. If you cannot show photo ID when voting in person, you can fill out an ID Exception Form and cast a provisional ballot. Permitted exceptions include lack of transportation, lost or stolen ID, disability or illness, family responsibilities, among others.

## Do I need to show proof of address (residence)?

Proof of address is only needed if you are registering and voting during One-Stop Early Voting. If you are already registered but you are voting for the first time and you did not provide a Social Security number or driver's license number on your voter registration form, your photo ID will meet this requirement (if it has your current address).

## Do I need a photo ID to vote by mail?

If you vote by mail, you must include a photocopy of your ID inside the "photo ID envelope" that comes with your ballot. If you are unable to include a copy of your ID, you may complete and send an ID Exception Form with the absentee ballot.

## Can I use an expired photo ID?

The following forms of ID must be unexpired or expired for less than a year: driver's license, non-operator ID, US passport or passport card, NC voter photo ID card, student ID, and government employee ID. **An exception is made for voters age 65+: these voters may use an expired ID if the ID was unexpired on their 65th birthday.** Military or veteran's ID card or tribal enrollment card can be used regardless of whether it has an expiration or issuance date.

## How do I contact my county Board of Elections?

Search the NC Board of Elections website:

<https://www.ncsbe.gov/about-elections/county-boards-elections>

**For the most up-to-date information about Voter ID,**  
please check the NC Board of Elections website: <https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/voter-id>