

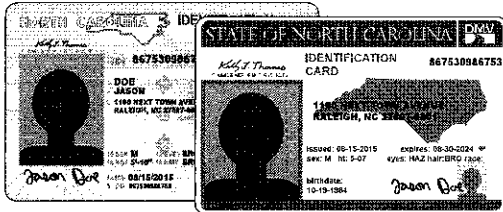


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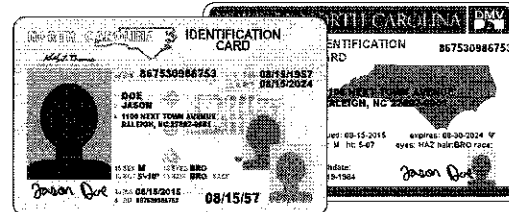
VOTE WITH ID
In North Carolina

NC VOTER ID

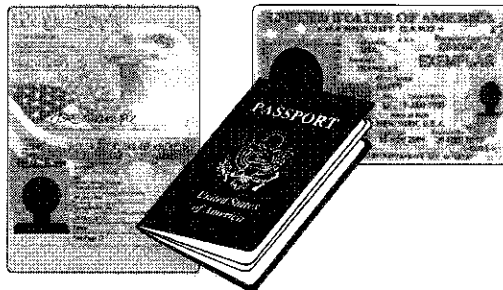
BEGINNING IN 2016, MOST VOTERS WILL NEED TO SHOW ACCEPTABLE PHOTO ID AT THE POLLS.



NC DRIVERS LICENSE/PERMIT
(may be expired up to 4 years)



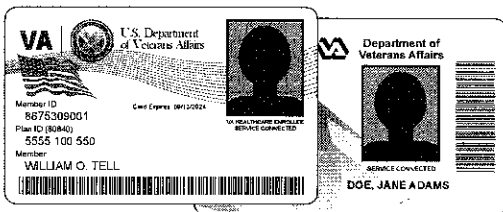
NC IDENTIFICATION CARD
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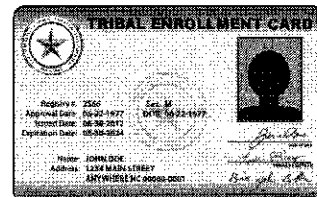
US PASSPORT/PASSPORT CARD
(unexpired)



MILITARY IDENTIFICATION CARD
(unexpired, if there is an expiration date)



VETERANS IDENTIFICATION CARD
(unexpired, if there is an expiration date)



CERTAIN TRIBAL ENROLLMENT CARDS
(** see requirements below)

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ONE OF THESE FORMS OF ACCEPTABLE PHOTO ID, YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A FREE NC IDENTIFICATION CARD FROM THE DMV.

UNABLE TO GET AN ACCEPTABLE PHOTO ID?

Voters who are unable to obtain an acceptable photo ID due to a **reasonable impediment** may still vote a provisional ballot at the polls. A reasonable impediment may include the lack of proper documents, family obligations, transportation problems, work schedule, illness or disability, among others. The voter must:

- (1) Sign a declaration describing the impediment they face; and
- (2) Provide their date of birth and last four digits of their Social Security number, present their current voter registration card, or present a copy of an acceptable document with their name and address.*

QUALIFIED TO VOTE CURBSIDE?

Voters who cannot enter the polling place without assistance because of age or disability may vote from their vehicle. Those voters may present either an acceptable photo ID or another acceptable document with their name and address.*

OVER THE AGE OF 70?

Voters who are 70 years of age or older may use **any acceptable photo ID** that has been expired for any length of time, provided the photo ID expired after their 70th birthday.

* Acceptable documents include a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document.

** Cards issued by North Carolina-recognized tribes and approved by the State Board of Elections are acceptable for voting if they have an expiration date and are unexpired. Cards issued by federally-recognized tribes are acceptable if they have an expiration date and are unexpired, or if they have an issuance date and were issued within eight years.

FORGOT YOUR ACCEPTABLE PHOTO ID?

Voters who do not present an acceptable photo ID at the polling place may still vote a provisional ballot that will be counted if the voter later presents an acceptable photo ID at their county board of elections office before noon on the day before their county board canvasses the election.

QUALIFIED TO VOTE CURBSIDE?

Voters who cannot enter the polling place without assistance because of age or disability may vote from their vehicle. Those voters may present either an acceptable photo ID or another acceptable document with their name and current address.*

OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES?

Additional options exist for voters with a sincerely held religious objection to being photographed, voters who are victims of certain declared natural disasters, and newly registered voters who possess a drivers license or non-operators license issued within the United States. For details, visit www.VoterID.nc.gov.

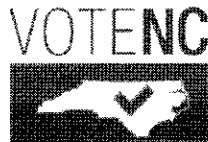
IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE GETTING ACCEPTABLE PHOTO ID OR HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, CONTACT THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS:



WWW.VOTERID.NC.GOV

1-866-522-4723





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Frequently Asked Questions

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What forms of Photo ID are acceptable for voting?

1. A North Carolina drivers license issued under Article 2 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes, including a learner's permit or a provisional license.
2. An identification card issued by the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles.
3. A United States passport.

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4. A United States military identification card, including those issued to dependents, retired military personnel, or civilians.
5. A Veterans Identification Card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
6. A tribal enrollment card issued by a federally recognized tribe.
7. A tribal enrollment card issued by a tribe recognized by this State under Chapter 71A of the General Statutes, provided that it is issued in accordance with a process approved by the State Board of Elections and is signed by an elected official of the tribe.
8. A drivers license or nonoperators identification card issued by another state, the District of Columbia, or a territory or commonwealth of the United States, but only if the voter's voter registration was within 90 days of the election.

When do voters have to start showing Photo ID?

The requirement to show acceptable photo identification to vote in-person is effective on January 1, 2016. To learn more about the acceptable forms of photo identification, please click [here](http://voterid.nc.gov/pages/acceptable-ids.html) (<http://voterid.nc.gov/pages/acceptable-ids.html>).

What are the exceptions to the Photo ID requirement that goes into effect in 2016?

For in-person voters, there are certain exceptions to the photo ID requirement.

Declaration of Reasonable Impediment

Any voter who does not comply with the photo ID requirement due to a reasonable impediment that prevents him or her from obtaining an acceptable photo ID will have the opportunity to vote a provisional ballot. The voter must sign a reasonable impediment declaration form indicating that the voter suffers from a reasonable impediment that prevents the voter from obtaining an acceptable photo ID. Reasonable impediments include but are not limited to the following:

- Lack of transportation.
- Disability or illness.
- Lack of birth certificate or other documents needed to obtain photo ID.
- Work schedule.
- Family responsibilities.
- Lost or stolen photo identification.
- Photo identification applied for but not received by the voter voting in person.

The voter must also present their voter registration card or a copy of an acceptable document that shows the voter's name and address, such as a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document. Alternatively, the voter may present the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number accompanied by the voter's date of birth. The provisional ballot will be counted in accordance with S.L. 2015-103 (<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2015/Bills/House/PDF/H836v6.pdf>).

Absentee By-Mail Ballot Request at One-Stop Absentee Voting Locations

Any voter who does not comply with the photo ID requirement and appears to vote at a one-stop early voting location will be notified of their option to vote absentee by-mail and will be given the opportunity to complete a State Absentee Ballot Request Form. This notification will be given until the deadline for receiving the State Absentee Ballot Request Form (<http://www.ncsbe.gov/ncsbe/Portals/0/FilesP/AbsenteeBallotRequestForm.pdf>) (5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the date of the election). Notice of the option to vote absentee by-mail does not affect the availability of other exceptions to the photo ID requirement, including but not limited to the option to sign a Declaration of Reasonable Impediment and cast a provisional ballot.

Subsequent Presentation of Acceptable Photo ID

Any voter who does not comply with the photo ID requirement may vote a provisional ballot, which will be counted if the voter later presents an acceptable photo ID at their county board of elections office prior to noon (12:00 p.m.) on the day before the date set for the election canvass.

Voters over the age of 70

Any voter 70 years of age or older may use an expired photo ID, provided that it is one of the acceptable photo ID's and that it expired at any time after the voter's 70th birthday. If the photo ID was unexpired when the voter turned 70 years old, it will be acceptable for voting.

Expired North Carolina DMV-Issued ID

North Carolina DMV-issued driver's licenses, learner's permits, provisional licenses, and special identification cards are acceptable if the printed expiration date is not more than four years before it is presented for voting.

Natural Disaster

A voter will not be required to show photo ID if the voter declares that he or she is a victim of a natural disaster occurring within 60 days of the election date. The voter must reside in a county that has officially been declared a natural disaster area - either by the Governor of North Carolina or the President of the United States.

Religious Objection

Voters who have a religious objection to being photographed may file a declaration with their county board of elections and will not be asked to present photo ID. If a voter does not file a declaration at least 25 days before the election, they may cast a provisional ballot. The ballot will be counted if the voter then appears in person at the county board of elections and executes the declaration and provides an acceptable document showing the voter's name and address, such as a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or government document, prior to the time for counting provisional ballots.

Persons Who Are Qualified to Vote Curbside

Persons who travel to a voting place (either on Election Day or during Early Voting), but because of age or physical disability are unable to enter the voting enclosure without physical assistance will be permitted to vote from their vehicle. They will need to show either an acceptable photo ID or an acceptable document showing the voter's name and address such as a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or other government document.

To learn more, please contact the North Carolina State Board's Voter Outreach Team at (866) 522-4723 or email VoterOutreach.sboe@ncsbe.gov (<mailto:VoterOutreach.sboe@ncsbe.gov>).

Does the Photo ID requirement apply to voting by mail?

No. Voters who vote by mail-in absentee ballot are not required to show a photo ID.

Does my Photo ID have to be current and unexpired?

Voters over the age of 70

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U.S. Passport

U.S. Passports must be unexpired.

Tribal Enrollment Card

Tribal enrollment cards issued by federally-recognized tribes must be unexpired, if the photo ID contains a printed expiration date. If the tribal enrollment card does not contain a printed expiration date, it shall be acceptable if it has a printed issuance date that is not more than eight years before it is presented for voting. Tribal enrollment cards issued by a tribe recognized by North Carolina must be unexpired.

U.S. Military Identification Card and Veterans Identification Card

U.S. military identification cards and Veterans Identification Cards issued by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs must be unexpired, if the photo ID has a printed expiration date. If the photo ID does not have a printed expiration date, then the ID is acceptable for voting.

Does the address on my Photo ID need to match the address on my voter registration

No.

What if I have a Photo ID, but did not bring it with me?

A voter who has an acceptable form of photo ID but does not bring it to the polls may cast a provisional ballot and bring their acceptable photo ID to the county board of elections office before provisional ballots are counted after the election. Alternatively, the voter may request and complete an absentee ballot by-mail in accordance with Article 20 of North Carolina Elections Laws. To learn more about how to cast an absentee ballot by-mail, visit [here](http://www.ncsbe.gov/ncsbe/Voting/Absentee-Voting) (<http://www.ncsbe.gov/ncsbe/Voting/Absentee-Voting>).

What if I don't have a Photo ID?

A voter who has an acceptable form of photo ID but does not bring it to the polls may cast a provisional ballot and bring their acceptable photo ID to the county board of elections office before provisional ballots are counted after the election. Alternatively, the voter may request and complete an absentee ballot by-mail in accordance with Article 20 of North Carolina Elections Laws. To learn more about how to cast an absentee ballot by-mail, visit [here](http://www.ncsbe.gov/ncsbe/Voting/Absentee-Voting) (<http://www.ncsbe.gov/ncsbe/Voting/Absentee-Voting>).

If a voter has lost their photo ID or cannot get an acceptable photo ID before presenting to vote in-person, the voter may cast a provisional ballot and sign a reasonable impediment declaration form stating that the voter suffers from a reasonable impediment that prevents

the voter from obtaining an acceptable photo ID. Reasonable impediments include but are not limited to the following:

- Lack of transportation;
- Disability or illness;
- Lack of birth certificate or other documents needed to obtain photo ID;
- Work schedule;
- Family responsibilities;
- Lost or stolen photo identification;
- Photo identification applied for but not received by the voter voting in person.

The voter must also present their voter registration card, a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document. Alternatively, the voter may present the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number accompanied by the voter's date of birth. The provisional ballot will be counted in accordance with S.L. 2015-103 (<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2015/Bills/House/PDF/H836v6.pdf>).

Where can I get a free Photo ID card for voting purposes?

Visit your local DMV driver's license office or a DMV mobile unit to obtain a free NC ID card. You can find a DMV near you by using the DMV locator (<http://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/locations.html>) or view DMV's mobile unit schedule here (<http://voterid.nc.gov/pages/DMVMobileUnitSchedule.html>).

When you get your photo ID, you will have the opportunity to become an organ donor. To learn more about this program or to register online, visit the Donate Life (<http://www.donatelifenc.org/>) website.

Who qualifies for a free Photo ID?

There is no fee charged for a North Carolina ID Card for a resident of the State who is legally blind, is at least 70 years old, is homeless, or who has been issued a driver license which has subsequently been cancelled as a result of a physical or mental disability or disease.

Additionally, those who attest they do not have any form of the acceptable photo ID to vote are able to obtain a free DMV issued photo ID card.

What do I need to bring to get a free ID card for voting purposes?

1. Two documents that prove your age and identity (http://voterid.nc.gov/pdfs/DMV_voter_id_list.pdf#Table1). Examples include: a birth certificate, court documents, and tax forms. For a list of documents accepted by DMV to prove age and identity, click

here

(http://www.ncdot.gov/download/dmv/DMV_voter_id_list.pdf).

2. A valid social security number
(http://voterid.nc.gov/pdfs/DMV_voter_id_list.pdf#Table2).
A voter's Social Security card is not required unless the DMV is unable to validate the number presented by the voter. For a list of documents that may be needed by DMV to confirm your Social Security number, click here
(http://www.ncdot.gov/download/dmv/DMV_voter_id_list.pdf).
3. A document to prove your North Carolina residency
(http://voterid.nc.gov/pdfs/DMV_voter_id_list.pdf#Table3).
Examples include: a lease, voter registration card, utility bill. For a list of documents accepted by DMV to prove residency, click here
(http://www.ncdot.gov/download/dmv/DMV_voter_id_list.pdf).
If you do not have one of the documents, you may be able to complete an affidavit of residency at the DMV..

What if I don't have a birth or marriage certificate?

You can obtain a free certified copy of your North Carolina birth or marriage certificate for the purpose of obtaining acceptable photo identification for voting.

If you were born or married in North Carolina, your birth or marriage certificate may be on file with the Vital Records Branch of the Division of Public Health and/or with the Register of Deeds in the county in which you were born or married. Complete the application available here

(http://vitalrecords.nc.gov/documents/Appl_Voter_ID_VR.pdf)

on the Vital Records website. A copy of the requestor's photo ID may need to accompany the application, so you may need to have a close family member or other authorized representative complete the application on your behalf. If you do not have any close family that can help you, please contact the Voter Outreach Team at (866) 522-4723 or VoterOutreach.sboe@ncsbe.gov (mailto:VoterOutreach.sboe@ncsbe.gov) so that they can try and match you with a volunteer attorney who can assist you free of charge.

Additionally, the identification requirements to obtain a birth or marriage certificate for voting purposes from the Vital Records Branch are not as stringent as those to obtain a driver's license or ID card. Tax documents, utility bills, pay stubs, and even a car registration or title are examples of documents that can be accepted. For a complete explanation of the ID requirement, please click here

(http://vitalrecords.nc.gov/documents/Appl_Voter_ID_VR.pdf).

If you were born or married out-of-state, you will need to contact that state's vital records office to obtain a birth or marriage certificate. The US Centers for Disease Control

maintains a website with information to help you contact the proper agency in all fifty states, available here (<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm>).

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Voter Outreach Team at (866) 522-4723 or VoterOutreach.sboe@ncsbe.gov (<mailto:VoterOutreach.sboe@ncsbe.gov>).

Won't I need to show a Photo ID to get a copy of my birth or marriage certificate?

Identification of the person requesting the copy of the certificate can be required, but you may be able to have another person who does have acceptable identification request it for you. This could be a close family member or an authorized representative, such as an attorney. If you do not have any close family that can help you, please contact the Voter Outreach Team at (866) 522-4723 or VoterOutreach.sboe@ncsbe.gov (<mailto:VoterOutreach.sboe@ncsbe.gov>) so that they can try and match you with a volunteer attorney who can assist you free of charge.

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What if I need help getting transportation to obtain my free Photo ID card from the DMV?

The State Board of Elections is working with transportation providers throughout North Carolina to provide transportation to registered voters who need assistance obtaining their free Photo ID card from the DMV or their supporting documentation, like a birth or marriage certificate. Please click [here](http://voterid.nc.gov/pages/ride-help.html) (<http://voterid.nc.gov/pages/ride-help.html>) to find a local transportation provider that can provide transportation or contact the SBE's Voter Outreach Team at VoterOutreach.sboe@ncsbe.gov (<mailto:VoterOutreach.sboe@ncsbe.gov>) for more assistance.

What if I am homebound and am unable to get to the DMV?

If you have a medical condition and are unable to get to the DMV to obtain a free Photo ID card for voting purposes, please keep in mind that mail-in absentee voters and curbside voters are not required to show photo identification. To learn more about mail-in absentee voting, click here (<http://www.ncsbe.gov/ncsbe/Voting/Absentee-Voting>).

You may also be able to schedule a home visit from the DMV. If you qualify, DMV can send a Field Inspector to your home to assist you with obtaining an ID card. To learn more or to schedule an appointment, please contact your local DMV office (<http://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/locations.html>).

How can I get a copy of my birth or marriage certificate from a state other than North Carolina?

The US Centers for Disease Control maintains a website with information to help you contact the proper agency in all fifty states, available by clicking here (<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm>). This information is also available in a pdf version, available here (<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm>). If you have any questions, please contact the Voter Outreach Team at (866) 522-4723 or VoterOutreach.sboe@ncsbe.gov so they can assist you in finding your records.

How can I get copies of court records?

Contact the Clerk of Court in the county with jurisdiction over your court case. A link to the Administrative Office of the Courts website is here (<http://www.nccourts.org/County/Default.asp>). Click on the appropriate county for contact information for the clerk.

How do I get a United States Passport?

You can learn about applying for a United States Passport by visiting the United States Department of State's website (<http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/passports/apply.html>) by clicking here (<http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/passports/apply.html>).

I am not sure if I am registered to vote. How can I determine if I am registered?

Please click here
(https://www.ncsbe.gov/webapps/voter_search/) to
determine if you are registered to vote and to find your
assigned precinct and polling location.

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