

NORTH CAROLINA

# Voter **Photo ID** Requirement

Beginning with the 2023 municipal elections, North Carolina voters will be asked to show photo ID when they check in to vote. Voters who vote by mail will be asked to include a photocopy of an acceptable photo ID when returning their ballot by mail.



For detailed information about the photo ID requirement, go to [ncsbe.gov/voter-ID](https://ncsbe.gov/voter-ID).



## WHAT PHOTO ID CAN I USE?

Any of the following that is **unexpired or expired for one year or less**:

- North Carolina Driver's License
- U.S. Passport Book/U.S. Passport Card
- State ID from NCDMV ("non-operator ID")
- NC Voter Photo ID card, issued by a county board of elections
- College/university student ID approved by State Board of Elections
- Charter school employee ID approved by State Board of Elections
- State/local government employee ID approved by State Board of Elections
- Driver's license/non-driver ID from another state, D.C. or U.S. territory (*only if voter registered in NC within 90 days of election*)

Any of the following, **regardless of whether the ID contains an expiration or issuance date**:

- Military or veteran ID card issued by the U.S. government
- Tribal enrollment card issued by a State or federally recognized tribe
- ID card issued by a U.S. government agency or the State of NC for a public assistance program

**NOTE:** Voters ages 65+ may use an expired ID if it was unexpired on their 65<sup>th</sup> birthday.

To see the complete list of acceptable photo IDs and details on how to request State Board approval for student and employee IDs, visit [ncsbe.gov/voter-ID](https://ncsbe.gov/voter-ID).

## WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE A PHOTO ID?

All voters **will be allowed to vote with or without a photo ID**. If any voter is unable to show a photo ID when voting, they may:



Vote with a **Provisional Ballot**, and...



Complete an **ID Exception Form**



Bring acceptable **ID to the county elections office** by the day before county canvass.

On the form, the voter will **choose from the following permitted exceptions**:

- A “reasonable impediment” preventing them from showing ID.
- A religious objection to being photographed.
- A victim of a natural disaster within 100 days before Election Day.

### FREE PHOTO ID CARDS

Any registered voter can get a free photo ID from their county board of elections. Contact information for county boards can be found at [vt.ncsbe.gov/BOEinfo](https://vt.ncsbe.gov/BOEinfo). Any North Carolina resident can get a free non-driver’s ID from the NCDMV.

Information regarding North Carolina's voter ID requirement is updated frequently; for the latest guidance on this law, acceptable types of photo ID, voting procedures, exceptions and more, visit [ncsbe.gov/voter-ID](https://ncsbe.gov/voter-ID).

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