



Virginia Voter Identification Guide

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Acceptable VA Voter Photo ID

In order to vote at the polls in Virginia, you will need to bring ONE (1) of the following documents to your polling place. It **MUST** contain your photograph. Expiration date restrictions, if any, depend on the type of ID you submit:

- Virginia Driver's License or United States Passport:
 - must be current or expired no more than 12 months
- Student identification card (must be from an institution of higher education or a private school and located in Virginia):
 - must be current or expired no more than 12 months
- Other government-issued identification cards:
 - must be issued by US Government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth (which includes public high school ID cards), including US military and government nursing homes
- Tribal enrollment or other tribal ID issued by one of 11 tribes recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia (Cheroenhaka a.k.a. Nottoway, Chickahominy, Eastern Chickahominy, Mattaponi, Monacan, Nansemond, Nottoway of Virginia, Pamunkey, Patawomeck, Rappahannock, and Upper Mattaponi):
 - expired no more than 12 months – NOTE: valid even if there's no expiration date
- Employee identification card issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business:
 - expired no more than 12 months – NOTE: valid even if there's no expiration date

OR

- Virginia Voter Photo ID Card issued by Virginia Department of Elections
 - NOTE: No expiration date so no restriction
 - A Temporary ID will be issued if an election is in less than 21 days
 - To access the application for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card, copy and paste this URL into a browser:
<http://www.elections.virginia.gov/Files/Forms/VoterForms/VoterPhotoIdApplication.pdf>

Examples of IDs that are NOT acceptable: credit cards displaying photographs, membership cards from private organizations (e.g., Costco, gym memberships), nursing home resident ID from non-governmental facilities, student IDs issued by a public or private school outside of Virginia, and out-of-state driver's licenses.



How to Obtain a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card

1. Visit your nearest voter registration office, the contact information and locations of which can be found by copying and pasting this URL into a browser:
<https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation/PublicContactLookup>
2. Complete a Voter Photo Identification Card Application – copy and paste:
<http://www.elections.virginia.gov/Files/Forms/VoterForms/VoterPhotoIdApplication.pdf>

*****THE VOTER MUST ATTEND IN PERSON
AND HAVE A PHOTO TAKEN*****

Make Sure Name and Address Match Voter Registration Record

Check the Virginia State Board of Elections’ website to confirm your name and address: <http://sbe.virginia.gov/index.php/registration/view-your-info/>

Name in the poll book and on the Voter ID must be identical or “substantially similar.”

What to do if you don’t have a Voter ID - go to Voter Registration Office, even on Election Day

1. Appear at your polling place and let them know you do **not** have acceptable Voter Photo ID.
2. The poll worker will give you a provisional ballot; provisional ballots are governed under Election Code Section 24.2-653. Make sure it is an **“ID-ONLY” provisional ballot**, which will only require follow-up action as described below.
3. After completing the **ID-Only provisional ballot**, the individual voter will be given written instructions from the precinct election officials on how to submit a copy of his/her Voter Photo Identification (see above for what is acceptable), including via fax or email, as well as the address of where the ID can be delivered in person or through USPS or commercial delivery service.
4. Provide a copy of the required identification by noon on the Friday following the election (three days later). Note: The identification must be received by this deadline; a postmark is not sufficient. A Friday postmark will not be



sufficient if the copy of the ID is not delivered to the electoral board by noon on the Friday following the election.

5. You can apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card throughout the year from any local Voter Registration Office, even on Election Day. First, complete the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application in the presence of a designated Virginia Election Official. Second, an Election Official will then take your picture and have you sign a digital signature pad. Once those two steps are complete, your Virginia Voter Photo ID Card will be printed and mailed to your address on file in the Voter Registration System.
6. At the completion of the application process, you may request a Temporary Identification Document if an election is in less than 21 days.

Absentee/Mail Voting

Virginia voters who wish to vote “absentee in person” or by mail must meet certain criteria. Applications generally should be requested as early as one year before the election and no later than 45 days prior to the election.

The deadline for receipt of the application to vote absentee, whether sent by mail, fax, or email, is 5:00 PM on the Tuesday before the election. The deadline to apply and vote absentee in-person is the Saturday before the election.

The “reason code” list can be found on the Absentee Ballot Application form:

<http://www.elections.virginia.gov/Files/Forms/VoterForms/VirginiaAbsenteeBallotApplication.pdf>

or on Virginia’s Department of Elections website:

<http://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/index.html>

If you are a voter with a disability or illness and would like to apply for a calendar year, you can apply using this form:

<http://www.elections.virginia.gov/Files/Forms/VoterForms/ABApplicationAnnual.pdf>

For more information you can also check <http://www.voteriders.org/voter-id-for-absentee-ballots/>



You must show an acceptable form of photo ID (see above) when applying to vote absentee. After completing the application, you will be allowed to vote absentee, in person, using a voting machine in the Registrar's Office.

Further details about absentee voting can be found by copying and pasting:
<http://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/index.html>

For military and overseas voters, please refer to:

<http://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/military-overseas/index.html>

How To Get Valid IDs:

1. Virginia Driver's License/Identification Card

- Visit your local DMV (<https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/DMVLocator/>) or order a replacement from the Virginia DMV website:
<https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/drivers/>
- Apply for a VA Driver's License:
<https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/drivers/#applying.asp>
- Renew a VA Driver's License:
<https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/drivers/#renewing.asp>
- Request a Replacement Driver's License:
<https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/drivers/#duplicate.asp>

2. US Passport Application or Renewal

- You may obtain a new passport or apply for renewal (<https://www.usps.com/international/passports.htm>) by mail. If needed sooner, visit a passport agency or passport acceptance facility. The most common acceptance facility is your local post office. You can find a post office that processes passport applications: bit.ly/1DxHt0V.
- Please visit the US State Department website for further information:
<http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/passports.html>



3. Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card

- You can access the application for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card here:
<http://www.elections.virginia.gov/Files/Forms/VoterForms/VoterPhotoIdApplication.pdf>
- Completed applications are submitted to the voter's local Voter Registration Office:
<https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation/PublicContactLookup>



Didn't find what you were looking for?

Virginia DEPARTMENT of ELECTIONS:

Visit <http://www.elections.virginia.gov/index.html> for general questions related to the above information.

- (804) 864-8901
- Toll Free: (800) 552-9745
- info@elections.virginia.gov

To find and contact your local Registrar:

<https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation/PublicContactLookup>

VoteRiders' Toll-free Helpline: 844-33-VTRID and info@voteriders.org

- **Statutory Reference - Virginia Election Code § 24.2-643**