



## Florida Voter Identification Guide

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## **Acceptable FL Voter Photo ID**

To vote in Florida, you need to bring ONE (1) of the following current photo IDs with your signature to your polling place, whether during early voting or on Election Day:

- Florida driver's license
- Florida state ID issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
- Debit or credit card
- US passport
- US military ID
- Student ID
- Retirement center ID
- Neighborhood association ID
- Public assistance ID
- License to carry concealed weapon or firearm issued pursuant to s. 790.06
- Veteran health ID card issued by US Department of Veterans Affairs
- Employee ID card issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government, the state, a county, or a municipality.

**If your photo ID does not include your signature, you need to bring an additional ID with your signature.**

## **What To Do If You DON'T Have a Voter ID on Election Day**

Go to your polling place.

You may vote a provisional ballot.

If a voter is not in the correct precinct, the voter should go to the proper precinct, i.e., the precinct associated with the voter's residence.

If the reason you voted using a provisional ballot is solely because you did not provide an acceptable photo and signature identification at the polls, you do not need to provide any further evidence of your eligibility in order for your ballot to count. The local canvassing board will simply compare your signature on the provisional ballot certificate with the signature on your voter registration record. If the signatures match, your provisional ballot will be counted.

If you were required to vote a provisional ballot for other reasons (for example, your eligibility is challenged by another person or you do not appear on the precinct



register), your vote won't count unless you bring evidence to your supervisor of elections no later than 5:00 p.m. of the second (2nd) day following the election. The local canvassing board will examine your provisional ballot certificate along with any and all other information and evidence, if available. The board must count your provisional ballot unless the board determines, based on the preponderance of the evidence, that you are not entitled to vote.

At the time you vote a provisional ballot, you will be given a notice of rights and instructions on how to find out if your provisional ballot was counted, and if not, the reason(s) why. Information as to whether your provisional ballot was counted or not must be made available no later than thirty (30) days following the election.

## **How To Obtain a Florida Voter ID Card**

There is no such card. When you register to vote or update your voter registration record, a “voter information card” will be mailed to you by your County Supervisor of Elections’ office. The card provides you with your party affiliation (if any), assigned polling location, and local, state, and federal district designations. The card cannot be used as a form of identification at the polls. You do not need this card to vote, though you do need to register. If you do not receive this card, or have lost your card, you can request a new card by contacting your County Supervisor of Elections office: <http://dos.elections.myflorida.com/supervisors/>

If you're registering right before the voter registration deadline, chances are you won't receive the card in time for the election. While you do not need this card to vote, it's a good idea to confirm that you're registered and where your voting location is. You can check:

- Online: <https://registration.elections.myflorida.com/CheckVoterStatus>
- Your County Supervisor of Elections office: <http://dos.elections.myflorida.com/supervisors/>

## **How To Obtain Acceptable IDs**

### **1. Florida Driver’s License or Florida State Identification Card**

Apply for a new Florida driver’s license or ID card in person with the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV):

<http://www.flhsmv.gov/locations/>

You may renew or replace your license or change your address in person or online: <https://services.flhsmv.gov/virtualoffice/Lobby.aspx>



If you are applying for a new Florida driver's license, ID card, or have legally changed your name you must provide Primary Identification, Proof of Social Security Number, and two (2 ) Proofs of Residential Address:

### **Primary Identification**

#### **AN ORIGINAL OR CERTIFIED COPY OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PRIMARY IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS**

- Certified US birth certificate, including territories and District of Columbia
- Valid United States Passport or Passport Card
- Consular Report of Birth Abroad
- Certificate of Naturalization, Form N-550 or Form N-570
- Certificate of Citizenship, Form N-560 or Form N-561

Note: When necessary, marriage certificates, court orders, or divorce decrees must be provided to match the name on the primary identification to your name to be placed on the driver's license or ID card.

### **Proof of Social Security Number**

- Social Security Card
- W-2 form
- Pay check
- SSA-1099
- Any 1099

#### **IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:**

If you do not have a social security number, you must bring a letter from the Social Security Administration indicating that you were never issued one. In addition, you will need to present at least one proof of ID from the following list:

- A driver's license or ID card from the District of Columbia, U.S. Territories, or one of our 50 states.
- School record stating date of birth, which must contain the registrar's signature.
- Transcript of the birth record filed with a public officer charged with the duty of recording certificates.
- Baptism certificate, which shows date of birth and the place of baptism.
- Family Bible record or birth announcement in a baby book
- An insurance policy on your life which has been in force for at least two years and has the month, day and year of birth.
- US military or military dependent identification card.
- Florida license record or identification card record.
- Selective Service Registration (Draft Card).
- Florida Vehicle Registration certificate (HSMV 83399, owner's copy) obtained from the tax collector's office where your vehicle was registered, Florida, or out-



- of-state registration certificate, if name and date of birth are shown.
- Receipt copy of your last Florida driver's license issuance.
- Federal form DD-214 (military record).
- Marriage certificate.
- Court order, which includes legal name.
- A Florida voter registration card, which was issued at least 3 months previously.
- Concealed Weapons Permit

### **Two (2) Proofs of Residential Address:**

#### **GATHER TWO OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS SHOWING YOUR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: (INTERNET PRINTOUTS OR FAXES OF THESE DOCUMENTS ARE ACCEPTABLE)**

- Deed, mortgage, monthly mortgage statement, mortgage payment booklet or residential rental/lease agreement
- Florida Voter Registration Card
- Florida Vehicle Registration or Title
- Florida Boat Registration or Title (if living on a boat/houseboat)
- A statement from your parent, step-parent or legal guardian. Your parent or guardian must reside at the same residence address, accompany you, and present "Proof of Residence Address"
- A utility hook up or work order dated within 60 days of the application
- Automobile Payment Booklet
- Selective Service Card
- Medical or health card with address listed
- Current homeowner's insurance policy or bill
- Current automobile insurance policy or bill
- Educational institution transcript forms for the current school year
- Unexpired professional license issued by a US government agency
- W-2 form or 1099 form
- A letter from a homeless shelter, transitional service provider, or a half-way house verifying that you reside at the shelter address
- Utility bills, not more than two months old
- Mail from financial institutions; including checking, savings, or investment account statements, not more than two months old
- Mail from Federal, State, County or City government agencies (including city and county agencies)
- Transients Sexual Offender/Predator/Career Offender - FDLE Registration form completed by local sheriff's department

If you have legally changed your name, you must show the required original or certified documents in person: <https://www.flhsmv.gov/driver-licenses-id-cards/what-to-bring/>



If you have recently changed your name, it is recommended that you update your records with the Social Security Administration before applying for a driver's license or ID card

Visit <http://www.flhsmv.gov/ddl/geninfo.html#4> for additional information

## **2. Free Florida State Identification Card (see above)**

Note that the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles offers its ID card services to certain groups of applicants free of charge. For example, homeless individuals and applicants below the federal poverty level will be able to apply for ID cards in FL at no cost, provided they are able to prove their indigent status

## **3. 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: <http://bit.ly/1DxHt0V>

If you are renewing your passport using Passport Renewal Application Form DS-82, Post Offices do not need to review or process your application. You can mail your renewal application directly to the State Department yourself. Adult passports are valid for ten (10) years and may be renewed by mail.

Visit the US State Department website for further information:  
<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports.html>

## **Registration**

**YOU MUST REGISTER TO VOTE AT LEAST TWENTY-NINE (29) DAYS BEFORE THE NEXT ELECTION.**

- Check your registration status and polling place:
  - Online: <https://registration.elections.myflorida.com/CheckVoterStatus>
  - In person: By contacting your Supervisor of Elections/ County Supervisor  
Elections office: <http://dos.elections.myflorida.com/supervisors/>

If you have moved or had a name change since the last election, you should confirm your registration and polling location.



In Florida, you can only vote in the precinct to which you have moved. However, if you are temporarily living outside your home county and have no permanent address in the county, you can remain registered in the county, but you will be assigned the precinct that contains the main office of the Supervisor of Elections. You will not be able to vote in municipal elections.

In order to avoid delays at the polling place, you should update your address before you go to vote. If you do not update your address by the time you vote, you may have to vote by provisional ballot.

**TO REGISTER OR UPDATE YOUR REGISTRATION:**

- You must:
  - Be a US citizen
  - Be a Florida resident
  - Be at least eighteen (18) years old – You may pre-register if you are sixteen (16) years old but you cannot vote until you are eighteen (18) years old
  - Not be convicted of a felony without your civil rights restored
  - Have not been declared mentally incapacitated for voting purposes in any state without your voting rights restored
  - Provide your current and valid Florida driver’s license number or Florida State Identification Card number. If you do not have a Florida driver’s license number or a Florida Identification Card number, then you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number. If you do not have any of these items, you must write “none” in the box or field.
- Online: <https://registertovoteflorida.gov/en/Registration/CMS>
- By Mail or In Person:
  - Complete the registration application form ([English PDF/ Español PDF](#))
  - Florida driver’s license offices, most post offices, libraries, Department of Public Safety offices and Health and Human Services offices or any entity authorized by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to issue fishing, hunting, or trapping permits
  - Any County Supervisor of Elections office:  
<http://dos.elections.myflorida.com/supervisors/>

Photo ID is not required when registering to vote. However, you need your Florida driver’s license or Florida state ID number and the last four (4) digits of your Social Security number to register online.

If you do not have a Florida driver’s license or Florida state ID number or Social Security number, you can still use the website to complete your application but you will have to print, sign and deliver it by mail or in-person to your County Supervisor of Elections office.



## **POLITICAL PARTIES**

You do not need to register with a political party. However, you must be a member of a political party in order to vote in most primary elections.

### **“VOTER INFORMATION CARD”**

If all of the information is verified and the application is deemed complete, the local Supervisor of Elections office will issue a “voter information card” no later than five (5) days after receipt of the application.

The card provides you with your party affiliation (if any), assigned polling location, and local, state, and federal district designations. The card **cannot** be used as a form of identification at the polls.

You do not need this card to vote but it’s a good idea for you to confirm that you’re registered and where your voting location is.

If you have lost your “voter information card”, you can request that a new card be sent to you by contacting your County Supervisor of Elections office:

<http://dos.elections.myflorida.com/supervisors/>.

If you’re registering right before the voter registration deadline, chances are you won’t receive the card in time for the election. Call your state election authority with any questions.

Visit the Division of Elections website for further information:

<http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/for-voters/voter-registration/>

## **Make Sure ID Name and Address Match Voter Registration Record**

When you present your ID at the polls, the poll worker will compare your ID information to your name, address, date of birth, etc. on record. Specifics regarding matching requirements are available in the Florida Polling Place Procedures Manual: <https://www.flrules.org/gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-04186>

You may always vote a provisional ballot.

## **Alternative Ways To Vote**

### **Absentee/Mail Voting**

All qualified (registered) voters are permitted to vote absentee under Florida law. A voter, or, if directly instructed by the voter, a member of the voter’s immediate



family or the voter's legal guardian, may request an absentee ballot directly from your County Supervisor of Elections. The request must be made in person or by mail, fax, telephone, or online through the Supervisor of Elections' website:

<http://dos.elections.myflorida.com/supervisors/>.

- The Vote by Mail Ballot request form is available in English and Spanish (e.g., Miami-Dade - <https://www.miamidade.gov/elections/library/forms/vote-by-mail-ballot-request-en-sp.pdf>) or in English and Creole - <https://www.miamidade.gov/elections/library/forms/vote-by-mail-ballot-request-en-cr.pdf>)

The deadline to request that a vote-by-mail ballot be mailed is no later than 5:00 p.m. on the sixth (6th) day before the election. Otherwise, a vote-by-mail ballot can be picked-up until and including on Election Day. However, the ballot must still be received by the Supervisor of Elections no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day if the voted ballot is to count.

A voter can pick up or have delivered his or her own vote-by-mail ballot at any time the ballot becomes available, including up to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. A voter can also authorize in writing a designee to pick up the ballot for him or her but the earliest the designee can then pick up the ballot is five days before Election Day. A designee is limited to picking up two (2) vote-by-mail ballots per elections (not including his or her own ballot and ballots for immediate family members. Additionally, a designee must submit a completed Affidavit to Pick-up a Vote-by-Mail Ballot for a Voter (DS-DE 37 - [English PDF](#)/ [Español PDF](#)), which includes the written authorization from the Voter. If there is no request on record, the voter will also have to submit the request part of the Affidavit.

If a voter or designee waits until Election Day to pick up or have delivered a vote-by-mail ballot, the Election Day Vote-by-Mail Ballot Delivery Affidavit (DS-DE 136 - [English PDF](#)/ [Español PDF](#)) must also be completed in which the voter affirms that he or she has as an emergency that keeps the voter from being able to go his or her assigned polling place instead to vote.

If the voter decides to go to the polls to vote instead, the voter should bring the vote-by-mail ballot (whether it has been marked or not). Even if the voter comes to the polls without the vote-by-mail ballot, the voter will still be able to vote a regular ballot if the Supervisor of Elections' office is able to confirm that it has not received the voter's vote-by-mail ballot. However, if it is confirmed that the voter has already voted a vote-by-mail ballot, the voter cannot vote again at the polls. If the voter believes or insists that the Supervisor of Elections' office is wrong about receiving the vote-by-mail ballot or if the Supervisor of Elections' office cannot confirm that the voter has already voted a vote-by-mail ballot, the voter is allowed to vote a provisional ballot.



First-time Florida voters who did not meet the federal ID requirements when registering to vote must include one of the following:

- A copy of a current and valid photo ID (Florida driver's license, state ID card, US passport, student ID, employee ID, military ID)
- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter

If you forgot to sign your vote-by-mail ballot certificate when you returned your ballot, or you receive information that your signature on the certificate did not match your registration record, you have the opportunity to correct the situation. You will have to complete and return a “Vote-by-Mail Ballot Cure” Affidavit, Form DS-DE 139 ([English PDF](#) / [Español PDF](#)) and a copy of identification. The deadline to submit the form and the ID is no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day before an election. Failure to follow the instructions carefully may cause your ballot not to count.

Any voter who has requested a vote-by-mail ballot can track online the status of his or her ballot through a link within the Division of Elections' Check your Voter Status website or through their county Supervisor of Elections' website.

For more information check: <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/voting/absentee.shtml>.

### **Advance/Early Voting**

In all elections when there is a state or federal office race, early voting is required to be available. Early voting may be offered in county, municipal and other local elections.

The Supervisor of Elections may provide early voting for elections that are not held in conjunction with a state or federal election. However, the Supervisor has the discretion to determine the hours of operation of early voting sites in those elections.

To find the dates, hours and locations for early/in-person absentee voting, contact your County Supervisor of Elections office:

<http://dos.elections.myflorida.com/supervisors/>.

You must bring identification, as you would on Election Day.

For more information check: <http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/for-voters/voting/early-voting/>.



## **Military and Overseas Voters**

Military and Overseas voters can request an absentee ballot:

- Through your County Supervisor of Elections office:  
<http://dos.elections.myflorida.com/supervisors/>
- Through the Federal Voting Assistance Program: [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov)

When you receive your absentee ballot, cast your vote and return the ballot without delay.

Be sure to note on either application your preferred method of ballot delivery (electronic or by standard mail). If you request a ballot to be sent electronically, you must provide a valid email address on your application.

The Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) is a back-up ballot that can be used by Uniformed Services members on active duty, members of the Merchant Marine, and their spouses or dependents that applies to general elections for federal offices.

If you have applied for a regular ballot from your local election officials and do not receive your regular ballot in time, you may use the FWAB.

Your local voting officials must receive your FWAB no later than the close of polls on Election Day.

For more information check: <http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/for-voters/voting/military-and-overseas-citizens-voting/>

## **Didn't find what you were looking for?**

### **Florida Division of Elections:**

- 850-245-6200
- Toll Free: 866-308-6739
- Email: [DivElections@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:DivElections@dos.myflorida.com)
- Visit <http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/for-voters/voting/election-day-voting/> for Election Day voting information.
- Visit <http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/for-voters> for general voting information.
- Visit <http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/> for general election information.
- Visit <http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/contacts/frequently-asked-questions/> for FAQs.
- Visit your County Supervisor Elections office:  
<http://dos.elections.myflorida.com/supervisors/>.

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