



GEORGIA

VOTER IDENTIFICATION GUIDE

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This guide provides information about identification requirements for voting in Georgia. It was most recently updated in July of 2019.

Call or text VoteRiders for more information or voter ID assistance.

**Toll-free Helpline:
844-33-VTRID**

**Website: voteriders.org
Email: info@voteriders.org**

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ID to Vote

- 1a. Every person who votes at the polling place must show an acceptable form of photo identification.
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- 1c. Voters with allowable ID may vote in person at early voting locations before Election Day.

1a. Every person who votes at the polling place must show an acceptable type of photo ID.

The polling place official will verify that you resemble the photo on your ID and that the name on your identification matches the one in your voter registration record.

Georgia's acceptable forms of voter ID are listed on the following page of this guide.

1b. Valid types of photo ID at the polls under Georgia law.

In order to vote *at your polling place*, you will need to bring ONE (1) of the following documents:

- GA driver's license or GA-issued ID
(NOTE: acceptable even if expired)
- Any U.S.- or any other state-issued ID*
- U.S. Passport*
- Military ID*
- Employee ID issued by US government or GA entity*
- Tribal ID*
- Student photo ID from this list of schools:
<http://bit.ly/GAStudentID>
- Free GA Voter ID Card*

* Must be current

1c. Voters with allowable ID may vote in person at early voting locations before Election Day.

Voters may vote at early voting locations beginning the 4th Monday prior to the election.

Voters are not required to provide a reason for voting early.

When casting your vote in person, you must present an appropriate photo ID.

Please contact your County Registrar's office for early voting times and locations in your county:

<http://bit.ly/GACountyReg>

You may contact the Elections Division of the Secretary of State at (844) 753-7825 x 2.

Obtaining Valid ID to Vote

- 2a. If you do not have a Georgia driver's license or Georgia-issued ID, you can secure a free Georgia Voter Identification Card.
- 2b. Georgia requires that you provide certain information to obtain a Voter Identification Card from the state.
- 2c. Georgia requires that you provide certain documentation to obtain your driver's license or state ID.
- 2d. Here is what you need to apply for or renew your U.S. Passport.

2a. If you do not have a Georgia driver's license or state ID you can secure a free Georgia Voter Identification Card.

A Voter Identification Card can be issued at any County Registrar's office or Department of Driver Services (DDS) Office.

Georgia's Voter Identification Cards are issued ***free of charge***.

- Find contact information for County Registrars:
<http://bit.ly/GACountyReg>
- Find a list of Department of Driver Services Offices:
<http://bit.ly/gaDDS>

2b. Georgia requires that you provide certain documentation to obtain a Voter Identification Card from the state.

To receive a Voter Identification Card, you must provide ALL of the following:

- A photo identity document or approved non-photo identity document that includes your full legal name and date of birth
- Documentation showing your date of birth
- Evidence that you are registered to vote in Georgia
- Documentation showing your full legal name and residential address

2c. Georgia requires that you provide certain documentation to obtain your driver's license or state ID.

- Find the identification requirements to obtain a new Georgia driver's license or state ID:
<http://bit.ly/GASecureID>
- You will also need to meet these identification requirements to renew your driver's license or state ID if it is not a Secure ID. Secure ID licenses have a gold star in the top right corner. Secure ID state IDs have a black star in the top right corner.
- Read Frequently Asked Questions about Secure ID:
<http://bit.ly/GASecureFAQ>
- Find a list of Department of Driver Services Offices:
<http://bit.ly/gaDDS>

2d. How to apply for or renew your U.S. Passport.

- You may obtain a new Passport or apply for renewal by mail. Find more information: <http://bit.ly/USPSpsprt>
- If needed sooner, visit a Passport agency or Passport acceptance facility.
- The most common acceptance facility may be your local post office. Find a location that processes Passport applications: <http://bit.ly/USPSlocatePP>
- Please visit the US State Department website for further information: <http://bit.ly/USppDOS>
- Do you need to replace Naturalization/Citizenship documents? Complete this application: <http://bit.ly/N565App>

First Time Voters

3a. The Help America Vote Act requires ID for first-time voters nationwide to verify their voter registration information. Read HAVA online: <http://bit.ly/HAVApdf>

3b. You must meet ID requirements if you have not previously voted in an election for Federal office in the state of Georgia or in your precinct and are registering by mail.

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Section 302 of this Federal law applies to individuals who registered to vote on or after January 1, 2003 and who:

- Registered to vote by mail;
- Have not in a Federal election; **OR**
- Have never voted in their county of residence in a Federal election.

Voter ID requirements for registering for the first time by any means:

- When you register to vote, you must include the number of your current and valid driver's license.
- If you do not have a current and valid driver's license, you must provide the last four (4) digits of your social security number.
- If you do not have a driver's license or social security number, the state must provide a unique voter ID number to identify you for voter registration purposes.

3b. You must meet ID requirements if you have not previously voted in an election for Federal office in Georgia or in your precinct and are registering by mail.

Your driver's license number, the last four (4) digits of your social security number, or your unique state ID number must be submitted with your mail-in registration application in order to avoid additional identification requirements upon voting. **Otherwise:**

- If voting in person, you must present: a current and valid photo ID or a copy of an acceptable non-photo ID.
- If voting by mail, you must submit with your ballot: a copy of a current and valid photo ID or a copy of an acceptable non-photo ID.
- Acceptable non-photo IDs include a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address.
- If you do not provide the required identification specified in the above bullet points, your ballot will be treated as a provisional ballot.

Voting a Provisional Ballot

- 4a. If you do not bring a valid ID to the polls, you can still vote by provisional ballot.
- 4b. What happens after you vote a provisional ballot?

4a. If you do not bring a valid ID to the polls, you can still vote by provisional ballot.

Provisional voting allows you to cast a ballot in person even if all the requirements for doing so cannot be met at the time.

If you simply forget your photo ID, and time permits, you can retrieve it, return to the polling place and vote. If you cannot return with a valid voter ID before the polls close, be sure to vote a provisional ballot.

In order to cast a provisional ballot at your polling place, you must sign a written affirmation before an election official stating that you are a registered voter in the jurisdiction in which you wish to vote and eligible to vote in that election.

Your provisional ballot will count if you present an acceptable ID at the County Registrar's Office within three (3) days after Election Day.

4b. What happens after you vote a provisional ballot?

If you have to vote a provisional ballot because you don't have an acceptable voter photo ID, you can go to your County Registrar's Office, get a FREE photo ID, and present it within three days after the election.

You may then check the state's free "access system" to discover whether your vote was counted, and, if your vote was not counted, the reason that the vote was not counted.

The Secretary of State's office established a toll-free hotline (1-844-537-5375) for voters who cast provisional ballots in the November 6, 2018, election. Voters may call the hotline to determine whether their ballot was not counted and, if not, the reason why.

Voting Absentee by Mail

5a. Any voter can request an absentee ballot in Georgia. *No excuse is needed.*

5b. You are not required to provide identification when you vote absentee by mail.

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Fill out this application for an official mail-in ballot:
<http://bit.ly/GAmailAPP>

Mail or bring the completed application to your County Registrar. Find their office: <http://bit.ly/GACountyReg>

Each county has specific application deadlines. These dates are set to allow the county enough time to process your application and send your ballot.

Absentee ballots may be requested up to 180 days prior to any election. You must file a separate application for each election for which you are requesting an absentee ballot.

The County Registrar's Office will mail your ballot after your application is approved and ballots are available.

Your completed absentee ballot must be received by your County Registrar's Office no later than the close of business on Election Day.

5b. You are not required to provide identification when you vote absentee by mail.

Your ballot will be counted if your signature on your absentee ballot matches your signature on your voter registration record.

Find more information about voting absentee in Georgia:

- Up-to-date information about voting absentee in Georgia can be found on the VoteRiders website:
<http://bit.ly/GAAbsenteeVR>
- Find more details about the absentee ballot application:
<http://bit.ly/GAabAPP>
- Find information for military and overseas voters:
<http://bit.ly/GAmilSEA>

Elections Division of the Georgia Secretary of State's Office

Visit the websites below for general information and questions.

- Elections Division of the Georgia Secretary of State's Office: [*http://bit.ly/GAsosELE*](http://bit.ly/GAsosELE)
- Georgia Voter Information Guide: [*http://bit.ly/GAvoteGD*](http://bit.ly/GAvoteGD)
- Georgia Voter Registration Application: [*http://bit.ly/GAvoteREG*](http://bit.ly/GAvoteREG)

Phone: (844) 753-7825 x 2

Email using this link: [*http://bit.ly/GAsosEM*](http://bit.ly/GAsosEM)

VoteRiders

Call or text toll-free Helpline: 844-33-VTRID

Email: [*info@voteriders.org*](mailto:info@voteriders.org)

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