

North Carolina's Voter ID Rules

Voting in Person

North Carolina asks for photo ID to vote in person. Registered voters without a photo ID can still vote by signing an ID exception form.

You can use:

Ok if expired up to 1 year (voters 65+ may use and expired ID if ID was unexpired on their 65th birthday)

- NC driver's license
- NC state ID card
- US passport or passport card
- NC voter ID issued by County BOE
- NC Student ID approved by NCSBE
- Employee ID approved by NCSBE
- Out-of-state driver's license or ID card

(Only voters who register within 90 days of election)

No expiration date required

- Military ID
- Veterans Health ID card issued by VA
- Tribal enrollment card issued by a tribe recognized by NC state or federal government

Voting by Mail

Provide one of these numbers when you request an absentee ballot:

- NC driver's license number
- NC state ID card number
- Last 4 digits of your Social Security number

You must also include a copy of accepted photo ID, or if you do not have a photo ID, a completed ID exception from when you return your ballot, or if you do not have a photo ID a completed ID exception form"

2026 Primary Election

Voter Registration Deadline: February 6

Deadline to Request Mail Ballot: February 17

Statewide Early Voting: February 12 - 28
(Same-day registration available during early voting!)

Election Day: March 3

Do you need ID?

VoteRiders is sending you this letter because we want to make sure you have the right ID to vote.

Please contact us if you have questions or need help getting an ID!



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Get ready to vote!



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- Check or update registration
- Request vote-by-mail ballot
- Información en español

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