

## North Carolina Voter ID Information

# **Acceptable Photo IDs for Voting**

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

- North Carolina driver's license
- •State ID from the NCDMV (also called "non-operator ID")
- •Driver's license or non-driver ID from another state, District of Columbia or U.S. territory (only if voter registered in North Carolina within 90 days of the election)
- •U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport card
- •North Carolina voter photo ID card issued by a county board of elections (available soon)
- •College or university student ID approved by the State Board of Elections (available soon)
- •State or local government or charter school employee ID approved by the State Board of Elections (available soon)

Note: A voter 65 or older may use an expired form of acceptable ID if the ID was unexpired on their 65th birthday.

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

- •Military or veterans ID card issued by the U.S. government
- •Tribal enrollment card issued by a tribe recognized by the State or federal government
- •ID card issued by an agency of the U.S. government or the State of North Carolina for a public assistance program

### Free Photo ID Cards

Any North Carolina resident can get a free non-driver's ID card from the DMV. Find more information under "No-Fee ID Cards" at https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/license-id/identification/Pages/default.aspx .

Additionally, all county boards of election will soon be able to issue free voter photo IDs to registered voters in their county. To be issued a free voter photo ID card, the voter must provide their name, date of birth, and the last four numbers of their Social Security number, and have their photo taken. Call first before going to the Board of Election to get a photo ID. **Apple Country Transit Route 3 stops on Asheville Highway near the DMV. DMV offices are now taking appointments in the morning and** 

afternoons will be available for walk-ins. An appointment may not be available at the DMV office nearest you.

# **Homebound Requests**

Residents who want to obtain an ID card but are unable to appear at an NCDMV driver license office because of a severe disability may request homebound assistance by:

- Completing the Homebound Service Request form
- Contacting NCDMV online
- Calling Central Issuance at (919) 861-3030
- Sending a fax to (919) 615-7289
- Requesting by mail from the Central Issuance Unit, 3176 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27697-3176

Please note: To be eligible for homebound assistance, the resident must present a letter from a physician certifying that the resident is homebound and must, as described above, provide proof of age and identity, a valid Social Security number and proof of citizenship and residency.

# **ID Exceptions**

If any voter is unable to show photo ID when voting (whether in person or by mail), they may fill out an ID Exception Form and vote their ballot. The voter will choose from the following permitted exceptions.

- The voter has a "reasonable impediment" to showing photo ID. This means that something is
  preventing the voter from showing ID. The voter must provide their reason by selecting from the
  following choices on the form.
  - Lack of transportation
  - Disability or illness
  - •Lack of birth certificate or other documents needed to obtain ID
  - Work schedule
  - Family responsibilities
  - •Lost or stolen photo ID
  - Photo ID applied for but not yet received
  - •(For mail voters only) Unable to attach a copy of photo ID
  - Other reasonable impediment (if selected, the voter must write the reason on the form)
  - 2. The voter has a religious objection to being photographed.
  - 3. The voter was a victim of a natural disaster within 100 days before Election Day.

County boards of elections must count provisional ballots with properly completed ID Exception Forms.