

Beginning January 1, 2012, all voters must present an ID, meeting the requirements below, containing the voter's name and photograph, whether voting early or on Election Day. These requirements DO NOT apply to elections in 2011.

Any of the following IDs may be used, even if expired:

- Tennessee drivers license with your photo,
- United States Passport,
- Department of Safety photo ID
- Photo ID issued by the federal or state government, such as an employee ID from the U.S. Department of Energy with your photo,
- United States Military photo ID, including a Veteran Identification Card, or
- State-issued handgun carry permit card with your photo

What forms of photo ID are NOT acceptable?

- A college student photo ID
- A photo ID not issued by the federal or state government, such as your discount club or bank card with your photo

Who is exempt?

- Voters who vote absentee by mail (view requirements at <http://www.tn.gov/sos/election/bymail.htm>)
- Voters who are residents in a licensed nursing home or assisted living center and who vote at the facility
- Voters who are hospitalized
- Voters with a religious objection to being photographed
- Voters who are indigent and unable to obtain a photo ID without paying a fee

What if I don't bring a photo ID to the polling place?

- If you don't bring a photo ID, you will vote a provisional ballot.
- You will then have until two (2) business days after Election Day to return to the election commission office to show a valid photo ID.

What if I don't have a photo ID?

- You may obtain a free photo ID to vote from the Department of Safety at any participating driver service center across the state. You will need a voter registration card, proof of citizenship (such as a birth certificate), and two proofs of Tennessee residency (such as a copy of a utility bill, vehicle registration/title, or bank statement).
- If you do not have a photo on your driver's license and no other form of valid photo ID, the Department of Safety will reissue your license with your photo for free upon request.
- You may use the "express service" line at the driver service center to obtain your photo ID to minimize wait times.
- **NOTE:** If you already have a valid government-issued photo ID, the Department of Safety will not issue a free photo ID to you.
- Visit the Dept. of Safety website at <http://www.tn.gov/safety/photoids.shtml> for more information.

Where can I find out more information?

- Call or visit your county election commission, or
- Visit our website at <http://www.tn.gov/sos/election/index.htm>

Please notify your county election commission if your address changes.



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“Do I have a valid photo ID for voting?”

Start here:

- Do you have a current or expired Tennessee driver’s license?

If it has a photo, the voter has a valid form of ID

If the caller has no driver’s license:

- Do you have a Tennessee handgun carry permit with your photo?

If yes, the voter has a valid form of ID

- Do you have any other form of photo ID issued by the state of Tennessee?
(e.g., Tennessee state employee ID, public university faculty/staff ID, but remember, college student IDs are not acceptable)

If yes, the voter has a valid form of ID

- Do you have a photo ID issued by any other state?

If yes, the voter has a valid form of ID

- Do you have a current or expired U.S. Passport?

If yes, the voter has a valid form of ID

- Do you have a U.S. Military ID with your photo?
(e.g. Common Access Card, Veteran Identification Card, U.S. Uniformed Services Card)

If yes, the voter has a valid form of ID

- Do you have any other form of photo ID issued by the federal government?
(e.g., Federal government employee ID or subcontractor ID if issued by the federal government, U.S. Passport Card, various form of ID issued by TSA)

If yes, the voter has a valid form of ID

If the voter has none of the forms of photo ID listed above:

- You may instruct the voter that a free photo ID for voting may be obtained and the nearest driver service center. To obtain a free photo ID, the voter will need:

- A voter registration card,
- Proof of citizenship (such as a birth certificate), and
- Two proofs of Tennessee residency (such as a copy of a utility bill, vehicle registration/title, or bank statement).

- If the voter has a non-photo driver’s license, the Department of Safety will add a photo free of charge.