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Basics of Pennsylvania's Voter ID Law

What are the requirements for identification?

- A photo ID with a photo that substantially looks like you.
- Your name must “substantially conform” to how your name appears in the voter lists.
- The photo ID must have an expiration date.

- It must not be expired, except for:
 - ID issued by PennDOT (e.g. driver’s license), which is no more than one year (12 months) past the expiration date.
 - documentation that shows an indefinite expiration date, and is from the U.S. Armed Forces or reserve components including the Pennsylvania National Guard, showing current membership or veteran status in the U.S. Armed Forces or National Guard.

- The photo ID also must be issued by one of the following:
 - the United States or Pennsylvania government (e.g. U.S. Passport)
 - a Pennsylvania municipality to one of its municipal employees
 - an accredited Pennsylvania institute of higher learning (e.g. student ID)
 - a Pennsylvania care facility (e.g. assisted living residence ID)

What if I have a religious objection to being photographed?

You can use a PennDOT-issued valid-without-photo ID or driver’s license.

How much does an ID cost?

A Pennsylvania ID card (not a driver’s license) costs \$13.50. The fee can be waived by declaring under oath or affirmation that you have no valid ID as described above.

What do I need to get a Pennsylvania ID card?

Typically, for those 18 years of age or older, you must present a photo ID application and also:

- A Social Security card,
- Two proofs of residency (e.g. current utility bills; dorm room assignment papers),
- And one of the following:
 - certificate of U.S. citizenship, or of naturalization,
 - valid U.S. passport,
 - or a birth certificate with a raised seal.



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What happens if I show up to vote without photo identification?

If you arrive to vote without photo ID, you still must be allowed to vote via a provisional ballot. *However*, for that vote to count, in most cases you now must obtain proper ID within six days of the election and show it to the county board of elections with an affirmation stating that you are the same person that cast the provisional ballot.

What if I am voting absentee?

For most voters, if you have a current, valid Pennsylvania driver's license, you can provide the license number. If you do not have one, you can provide the last four digits of your Social Security number. For those with neither, you can provide a copy of an acceptable photo ID.

Where can I go for more information on the new law, and on voting?

This is a partial summary of the law. For more information, visit www.votesPA.com.

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