



# Understanding Acceptable ID Rules When Checking in Voters

## Topics Covered:

- Acceptable Forms of ID
- If a Voter Has no Acceptable ID

## Legal Requirements:

Virginia law requires all voters to show an acceptable form of ID at the polls before being allowed to cast a ballot. If a voter does not have an acceptable form of ID, the voter may sign an ID Confirmation Statement.

## Purpose of ID:

A voter's ID can be used as an additional means of confirming the identity of the voter. Any address on the ID *does not have to match* the address in the pollbook.

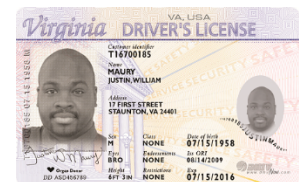
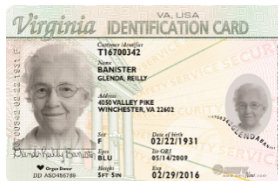


## For an ID to be Valid:

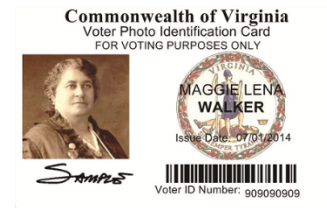
1. It must appear to be genuinely issued by the agency or issuing entity appearing on the document.
  - a. **Example:** if a Virginia driver's license is offered as ID, it cannot be a photocopy of the license; it must be the actual driver's license itself.
2. The document must be current or have expired within the preceding 12 months. IDs issued by the DMV do not need to meet this requirement. The expiration date is not considered when determining if the ID is valid for voting purposes.
3. The officer of election determines whether the document is officially acceptable based on its face.

## Examples of Acceptable Forms of ID:

- Virginia DMV-issued photo ID
- Virginia DMV-issued driver's license
- Valid U. S. Passports
- Employer-issued photo ID
- Student ID with a photo from a college or university outside of Virginia
- Student ID issued by a public or private school in Virginia



- ID cards issued by the United States government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or local Virginia government.
- Virginia-issued voter photo ID card.
- Voter confirmation documents
- Copy of a **current** utility bill, bank statement, government check, or paycheck containing the name and address of the voter
- Other government document containing the name and address of the voter



## Are Electronic Versions of Acceptable forms of ID for Voting allowed?

An electronic form of the following documents is acceptable for voting purposes: a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document containing the name and address of the voter. The Virginia Code only requires a copy of these documents; thus, electronic form of these documents suffice for voting purposes.

## What Does “Current” mean when referring to the Acceptable IDs mentioned in this training?

An ID is valid if: (1) the document appears to be genuinely issued by the agency or the issuing entity appearing upon the document, and (2) the document shall be current or have expired within the preceding 12 months.

All forms of acceptable ID, with the exception of a Virginia DMV-issued driver’s license or state ID card, cannot be more than **12 months old** from the date the voter offers to vote. If a voter presents a copy of a utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document containing the name and address of the voter that is more than twelve months old from the date the voter offers to vote, you should request that the voter present another form of ID that is acceptable. If the voter does not have another form of ID on the acceptable list, the voter may sign an ID confirmation form in order to vote a ballot.

## If a Voter Has No Acceptable ID:

If the voter does not have an acceptable ID, the voter may sign an ID Confirmation Statement and vote normally. If the voter does not have an acceptable ID and refuses to sign an ID Confirmation Statement, the voter must vote a provisional ballot. Please review training materials on “Provisional Ballots”.

Here is an example of what the Confirmation Statement tear-off form looks like:

**ID Confirmation Statement - § 24.2-643 of the Code of Virginia**

**A Officer of Election:**

Precinct No./Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ O of E Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

**B Affirmation of Voter:**

If you do not complete this statement or show acceptable ID, you will be required to vote a provisional ballot in this election.

**Subject to penalty of law, I do hereby affirm that I am the identical person I represent myself to be.**

Signature of voter: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of voter: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Year (optional) \_\_|\_\_|\_\_|\_\_ Last 4 digits of Social Security # (optional) \_\_|\_\_|\_\_|\_\_

**WARNING:** Making a materially false statement on this form constitutes the crime of election fraud, which is punishable under Virginia law as a felony. Violators may be sentenced to up to 10 years in prison and/or fined up to \$2,500. §24.2-1016