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Acceptable Forms of ID

- North Carolina driver's license
- State ID from the NCDMV (also called "non-operator ID")
- U.S. Passport or passport card
- For new voters who register in NC within 90 days of the election, a driver's license or non-driver's ID from another state, District of Columbia or U.S. territory
- Address on ID doesn't matter, it's about your photo, not residence
- North Carolina voter photo ID card issued by a county board of elections
- College or university student ID approved by the State Board of Elections
- State or local government or charter school employee ID approved by the State Board of Elections

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

NOTE: NC Voter Photo ID law is subject to change; infographic current as of August 2, 2023.