

What ID Do I Need to Vote in Ohio?

With new laws in place, you may find yourself confused about what types of IDs are acceptable to cast a ballot in-person in Ohio.

Remember, all the information and guidance below is based off the assumption that you are a citizen, 18 years of age or older, and currently registered to vote at your current Ohio address.



Voting in-person

Voting by mail

The only identification required to request an absentee ballot is the last four digits of your Social Security Number. Request an absentee ballot at VoteOhio.gov

Find your starting point:

I have an unexpired Ohio photo ID.

I have an Ohio photo ID, but my license is suspended or expired.

I am a full-time Ohio resident, but do not have a photo ID.

I am an out of state college student without an Ohio photo ID.

I am a confined voter in a health care institution or currently incarcerated.

Under Ohio's new law, a suspended driver's license in your possession is still considered a valid form of photo ID to vote; however, if your license is expired, you will need an alternate form of identification.

Do you have a U.S. Passport or U.S. or Ohio issued military ID?

For voters confined to a health care institution for any reason, or a jail for a misdemeanor, or being detained pretrial for a felony arrest, you are entitled to vote. Confined voters can request an absentee ballot to either be mailed to the location of their confinement (Form 11A), or by requesting an absentee ballot be administered in person by county election officials at their confinement location (Form 11F).

For the purposes of voter ID – a confined voter may use the last four digits of their Social Security number for both the 11A and 11F forms.

Congratulations, you're all set. You can use this ID to vote in-person or vote by mail.

Yes

No

Good news, you are eligible to obtain a state ID card. You can apply for one at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. For more information about requirements and locations near you, visit: bmv.ohio.gov/dl-id-card.aspx.

* Note, by obtaining an Ohio ID card, you are invalidating pre-existing out-of-state IDs or driver's licenses.

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