

Voter Identification Training Outline

Beginning January 1, 2018, voters must show one of the many forms of “valid identifying document,” which includes forms of non-photo and photo ID, and applies to ALL elections (federal, state, county and municipal).

General Voter ID Law Requirements:

- Any ID shown for voting purposes must be valid and not expired
- If a voter does not have any form of Voter ID and does not fall under any exception, the voter **MUST** vote a provisional ballot
- If the ID shown has a photo of the voter, the poll worker processing the voter must confirm that the photo is truly an image of the person who presents it
 - If the photo does not match the voter, ask for another form of ID or have the voter vote a provisional ballot (unless the voter can qualify for one of the exceptions below). Never sign the back of a provisional ballot.
- The *address* on the ID **IS NOT** to be considered, and it is OK for the address on the ID to be different than the address in the poll book
 - **NOTE:** this rule only applies to Voter ID. It does not apply to an ID that must be shown for first-time voters who did not present proof of residence when they registered to vote. These voters are listed in the poll book as “Needs to show ID”

All Forms of Valid Identifying Documents for Voter ID

Acceptable Forms of Non-Photo ID

- Voter registration card
- Medicare card
- Social Security card
- Birth certificate
- WV hunting or fishing license
- WV SNAP ID card
- WV TANF program ID card
- WV Medicaid ID card
- Bank or debit card
- Utility bill issued within six (6) months of the date of the election
- Bank statement issued within six (6) months of the date of the election
- Health insurance card issued to the voter

Acceptable Forms of Photo ID

- WV driver’s license or other WV ID card issued by the DMV
- Driver’s license issued by another state
- U.S. passport or passport card
- Military ID card issued by the U.S.
- U.S. or WV Government employee ID card
- Student ID card
- A concealed carry (pistol/revolver) permit

EXCEPTIONS to the Voter ID Law

Exception 1: Voter Identity Affidavit (a/k/a the “Bring a Friend” Exception)

A voter DOES NOT have to show a Voter ID if the person:

1. Is accompanied to the polls (or selects someone in the polling place) with an adult (over 18-year old) who has known the voter for at least the past six (6) months;
2. The person accompanying the voter shows a *valid photo ID*; and
3. The person accompanying the voter signs the Voter Identity Affidavit, confirming the voter’s identity.

If a voter fall under this exception, the voter can vote a regular ballot. Also, the person accompanying the voter *does not* have to be a registered voter or in the poll book; any adult can sign the Voter Identity Affidavit to confirm the voter’s identity. However, of course, the *voter* must be in the poll book.

Exception 2: Poll Worker Knowledge

A voter DOES NOT have to show ID if:

1. A poll worker has known the voter for at least the past six (6) months.
2. The poll worker DOES NOT have to sign an affidavit.
3. The voter DOES NOT have to sign an affidavit.

If a poll worker has known the voter for at least six (6) months, the voter shall be issued a regular ballot without having to show ID. No record is required, but we suggest keeping a list of all persons who do not show ID for data purposes.

Exception 3: Residents of Licensed WV State Care Facilities

A voter DOES NOT have to show ID if:

1. The voter is a resident of the care facility;
2. The care facility is a polling place; and
3. The voter’s polling place is located at the care facility.

Important Reminders

- Even if someone has multiple forms of ID, if someone is not in the poll book, they *MUST* vote a provisional ballot.
- NO voter may be turned away for not having ID. Those voters must vote a provisional ballot, and the poll clerks should keep a list of voters who do not show any ID to vote. The provisional ballot form/envelope includes an affidavit on the form/envelope itself, so no additional affidavit is required for voters who do not provide any ID.