



How to get a Photo ID in Tennessee

All registered voters need to show a valid photo ID when they go to the polls. If you do not have a TN driver's license or learner's permit with a photo, you will need an alternative ID. A student ID from a high school, college, or university is NOT acceptable for voting purposes.

You must present one valid government-issued photo ID at the polls in order to vote. Do you currently have *any* of these?

- Tennessee driver's license with your photo
- Tennessee Identification License (not valid for driving)
- U.S. Passport
- Other photo ID issued by Tennessee or U.S. government including U.S. military ID or TN handgun permit

If you do not have a Tennessee Identification License, you can get one at the nearest DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles) office. In Nashville the Downtown Express location (312 8th Ave. North, 3rd Floor, Snodgrass Building) is easily accessible by MTA. Enter the building on the 7th Ave. side, across from War Memorial Auditorium.

For all other DMV locations and hours, <http://www.tn.gov/safety/topic/locations>

What do you need to get a TN Identification License (not valid for driving)?

- **Proof of citizenship (either)**
 - Birth certificate (no photocopies or mother's copy)
 - Naturalization papers
- **Proof of identity**
 - Social security number (SSN)
- **Two of the following proofs of residency in your county**
 - Bank statements, utility bill, or paycheck in your name sent to your current street address
 - Government check, or other government document in your name sent to your current street address
 - Students can bring a signed "Affidavit of Tennessee Residency" (available from the DMV)
 - High school students can bring a current transcript (available from your guidance department)
- **Payment of \$12 for a renewable TN Identification License valid for 8 years**

What if you cannot afford the TN Identification License fee? You can get a free non-renewable Voter ID with a photo. You will need all of documentation listed above as well as a signed "Affidavit for Voter Photo Identification License" <https://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/safety/attachments/affidavit.pdf>

Hate to wait?

It is **highly** recommended that before coming to the DMV you complete the online application <https://dl.safety.tn.gov/>. Choose the form for "New to Tennessee." Bring the printout along with all other documents listed above to the DMV in order to make your waiting time shorter.

For questions about which documents you can use to prove citizenship or residency, contact the Help Desk at the Department of Safety and Homeland Security at (866) 849-3548.