Starting April 1, 2024, Nebraska voters are required to present an accepted photo identification in order to vote. The first statewide election under the new law will be the May 14, 2024, primary election.

Here’s what you need to know about Nebraska’s new voter ID requirements.

Registering to vote

The new law does not change Nebraska’s existing voter registration process. If you are already registered to vote, you do not need to re-register. Your eligibility to vote is confirmed when you register.

• You must be a U.S. citizen who is at least 18 years of age.
• If you have been previously convicted of a felony, you must have completed your sentence and probation, supervised release, or parole for at least two years before you are allowed to re-register to vote.

Accepted IDs

When voting, you must present an ID that includes your photo and name. If your ID has expired, it is still acceptable for voting purposes. You can use an ID issued by:

• the federal government, including a U.S. passport;
• the State of Nebraska, such as a driver’s license or state-issued ID;
• any postsecondary institution in Nebraska;
• local governments in Nebraska, such as a county-issued ID;
• the U.S. military, or IDs for veterans;
• Native American tribes; or
• patient records with photos from nursing homes, assisted living, or hospitals.

Popular types of IDs that are NOT accepted:

• out-of-state driver’s licenses or state IDs that are not from Nebraska;
• photo IDs from out-of-state postsecondary institutions;
• IDs from private organizations; or
• any ID without a photo, such as a Social Security card.
Voting by mail

- You must re-apply for an early mail-in ballot before each election and provide your Nebraska ID number – the number on your driver’s license or state-issued ID – on the early mail-in ballot application form.
- If you are using any other ID than a driver’s license or state-issued ID, such as a passport or nursing home record, you must submit a photocopy of the document when requesting your early mail-in ballot.
- If you are voting in an all-vote-by-mail precinct, in one of the 11 counties that conduct elections only by mail, or in a mail-only special election, you must provide your ID number on the ballot return envelope. Alternatively, you can submit a photocopy of an accepted photo ID listed above.
- You will still be allowed to vote by a provisional ballot.
- For your provisional ballot to be counted, you must present an accepted ID at the office of your county election commissioner on or before the Tuesday following the election.
- If you are at least 18 years of age, registered to vote, and do not have a valid driver’s license, you can receive a free state ID by applying at your local DMV.
- If you were born in Nebraska, you can also receive a free state birth certificate to obtain a driver’s license or state-issued identification card.
- If you have a reasonable impediment to obtaining photo ID, you may be exempted from the identification requirement by completing a certification. Acceptable reasons for exemption include:
  - religious objections to being photographed;
  - disability or illness; or
  - inability to acquire documentation necessary to obtain ID.

For more on these exemptions, please visit bit.ly/SSnebraska.

If you lack an accepted ID on Election Day

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