



# Photo ID

Photo ID **Now** Required  
for Voting in Person

January 2013

*V1.0*



## Photo ID

- State law for showing ID at the polling place changed on January 1, 2013
- State law now requires voters to show 1 of 5 photo IDs to vote in person
- Photo ID is not required to vote absentee by mail
- Reasonable Impediment



# IDs Previously Required to Vote

Under the old rules, voters had to show one of three IDs to vote:

- S.C. Driver's License
- S.C. ID Card Issued by DMV
- S.C. Voter Registration Card



# New List of Qualifying Photo IDs

- S.C. Driver's License
- S.C. ID Card issued by DMV
- S.C. Voter Registration Card **with photo**
- Military ID issued by the Federal Government
- U.S. Passport



# Photo ID

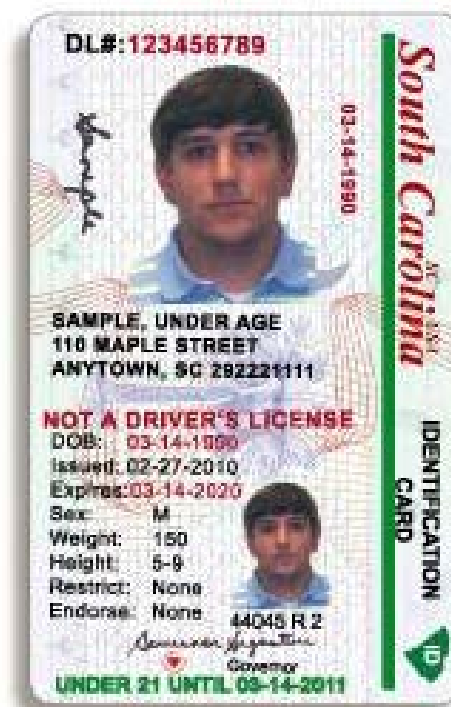
- The ID must be valid (in effect or not suspended) and current ( not expired).
- The purpose of the ID is to confirm that the person representing himself to vote is the elector on the poll list.
- The address on the ID does not have to match the address where registered (if the ID is otherwise valid).

# South Carolina Driver's License





# SC ID Card Issued by DMV





# U.S. Passport







# Passport Card





# Military ID issued by the Federal Government

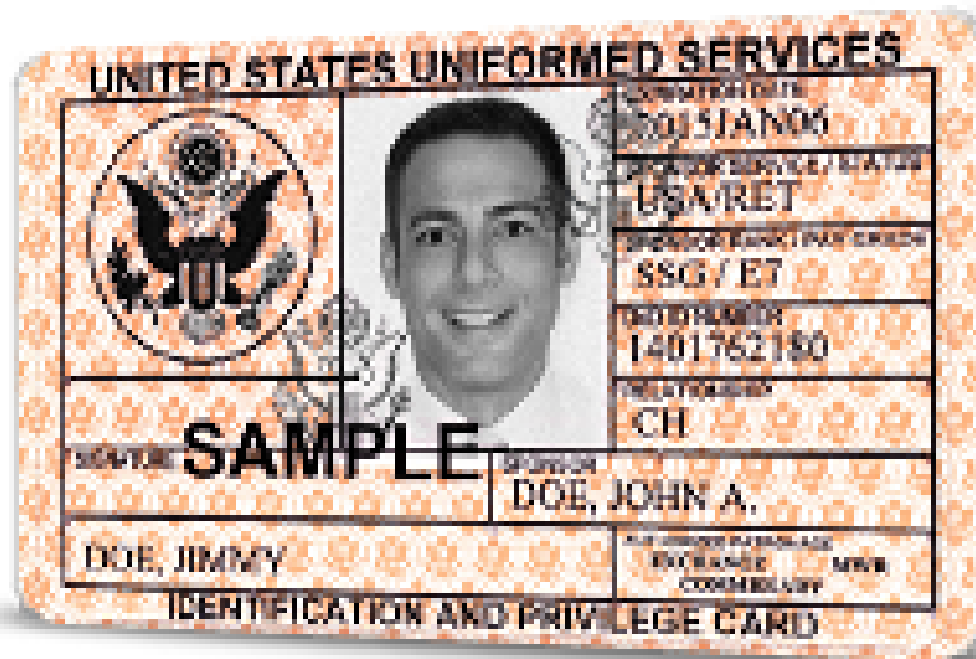




# Military ID issued by the Federal Government



# Military ID





## If you already have one of the qualifying Photo IDs

- You are ready to vote
- You do not need to obtain a voter registration card with a photo
- Remember to bring one of the photo IDs to your polling place. This also applies to in-person absentee voting



# Types of Voter Registration Cards

- 3 types of voter registration cards
  - Paper card without photo (Current card)
  - Paper card with photo
  - Plastic card with photo



# Paper card without photo

Please check this card for accuracy. For any questions, call your Voter Registration office. You must present your voter registration notification, a valid South Carolina License or a photo I.D. that has been issued by the Department of Public Safety when you go to vote. You may request a duplicate notification card from your local Voter Registration Office if your original is lost or stolen.

If you move within this county, follow directions on back of notification card. If you move to another county, you must register in your new county of residence.

Congressional District	Senate	House	County Council	School District	City Council	Water Shed	Misc. 1	Misc. 2

Your current election districts are shown above and your polling place is shown to the right. After detaching your registration notification card save this portion for reference.

**STATE OF S.C. VOTER REGISTRATION NOTIFICATION**

COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_ PRECINCT: \_\_\_\_\_

REG. NO: \_\_\_\_\_ REG. DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF ELECTOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
FOLD HERE

SEX: \_\_\_\_\_ RACE: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTE AT: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY / STATE ELECTION OFFICIAL

# Paper VR Card with Photo

You are now registered to vote in the state of South Carolina. Your official notification of registration is attached. To vote at your polling place, you must present one of the following types of photo identification:

- \* S.C. Driver's License
- \* ID Card issued by S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles
- \* S.C. Voter Registration Card with Photo
- \* Federal Military ID
- \* U.S. Passport

Congr	Senate	House	County Council	School
02	24	084	04	03

This stub along with the attached notification may be used as a VOTER REGISTRATION CARD with PHOTO  
To use as a photo ID, DO NOT DETACH STUB.



**STATE OF S.C. VOTER REGISTRATION NOTIFICATION**

COUNTY: AIKEN  
PRECINCT: Carolina Hts 10

REG. NO: 024096578

REG. DATE: 2/1/2010

Dortch, Yolanda S  
1036 Todd Ave  
North Augusta, SC 29841

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF ELECTOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
FOLD HERE

SEX: Female

RACE: Black/AA

DOB: 3/5/1978

VOTE AT:  
American Legion Post 232  
6070 Broadcast Drive

\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY / STATE ELECTION OFFICIAL





# Plastic VR Card with Photo (front)

## S.C. Voter Registration Notification

COUNTY: AIKEN

Yolanda Dortch

REG. NO: 024096578

REG. DATE: 02/01/2010



EVERY **VOTE** MATTERS.  
EVERY **VOTE** COUNTS.



# Plastic VR Card with Photo (back)





# Duplicate Voter Registration Cards

- Voters may request duplicate voter registration cards at anytime from their county voter registration office
- If you have a photograph on file, you may request any of the three types of voter registration cards.
- If you do not have a photograph on file, you can only request the paper voter registration card without a photograph



# No Change in Voter Registration Requirements

- a current valid photo ID, or
- a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or other government document that shows your name and address in the county in which they are registering

## Registration by mail, fax, email

- Will receive paper voter registration card without a photo by mail. This serves as the notification of registration, and alone, will not allow you to vote
- Must provide one of five qualifying photo IDs to vote
- If necessary, must go to county voter registration office to get photo voter registration card



# Online Voter Registration

- Voters with a Driver's License or DMV-issued ID card can now register online at [scVOTES.org](https://scVOTES.org).
- Voters will be sent a paper voter registration card without a photo in the mail



## Registering In Person

- Must register in person at the county voter registration office and submit a registration application.
- Have the option of obtaining a photo voter registration card.
- A voter who chooses not to obtain a photo registration card must have one of the other four types of ID to vote.



## Voting in Person

- Majority of voters vote with a Driver's License and won't notice a change
- If you previously voted with your paper voter registration card without a photo, you need to bring a qualifying photo ID
- If you don't have a qualifying photo ID, you should get one before going to the polls to vote





## Reasonable Impediment

A voter who has a reasonable impediment to obtaining one of the qualifying photo IDs may cast a provisional ballot after:

- Providing a paper voter registration card without a photograph, and
- Signing an affidavit attesting to voter's identity and impediment.



# What is a reasonable impediment?

- According to the Attorney General, a reasonable impediment is any valid reason, beyond the voter's control, which created an obstacle to the voter obtaining the necessary Photo ID in order to vote.



# What is a reasonable impediment?

- Voter may claim any obstacle he finds reasonable, as long as it is true.
- Only the voter determines what is reasonable.
- Poll Managers and other election officials do not determine the reasonableness of the claimed impediment.



# Examples of Reasonable Impediments

- Religious objection to being photographed
- Lack of transportation
- Disability or Illness
- Lack of birth certificate
- Work Schedule
- Family responsibilities
- Other reasonable impediment (protected)
- Other reasonable impediment (must list)



## Reasonable Impediment

- Ballot will count unless county election commission has grounds to believe affidavit is false
- Election commission would have to have proof that either:
  - Voter lied about his identity, or
  - Voter lied about having a reasonable impediment

# Provisional Ballot Envelope

**PRECINCT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF VOTER (as registered)		
Last	First	Middle Initial
REGISTRATION NUMBER	BIRTHDATE: Month    Day    Year	PHONE:
ADDRESS AS REGISTERED		
Street	City	SC Zip

**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:**     FAILSAFE (Complete Change of Address)     NOT QUALIFIED VOTER  
 INCORRECT COUNTY/PRECINCT/DISTRICT     NO VALID PHOTO ID     PHOTO DOES NOT MATCH  
 REASONABLE IMPEDIMENT TO OBTAINING PHOTO ID (Complete Affidavit on back)     OTHER

**DESCRIBE REASON :** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF CHALLENGER**

Last	First	MI	Registration #
ADDRESS OF CHALLENGER			
Street	City	SC Zip	Phone #

**Change of Address REQUIRED IF FAILSAFE**

VOTER'S NEW ADDRESS		
Street	City	SC Zip
VOTER'S NEW MAIL ADDRESS (If different from above)		
Street	City	SC Zip
I swear (or affirm) that the address provided above is my sole legal residence for voting purposes.		
Signature of Voter _____		

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**I swear (or affirm) under penalty of perjury that I am the same person who appeared at this polling place and cast this provisional ballot on Election Day.**

**I suffer from the following reasonable impediment that prevented me from obtaining one of the required photo IDs (check one):**

- Religious objection to being photographed
- Lack of transportation
- Disability or illness
- Lack of birth certificate
- Work schedule
- Family responsibilities
- Other reasonable impediment (disclosure protected by state or federal law)
- Other reasonable impediment (must list impediment):

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Signature of Voter

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Signature of Poll Manager or Notary

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Date

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Commission Expiration Date

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# Reasonable Impediment Affidavit

- Voter must sign the affidavit
- Poll Manager or Notary must also sign
  - Notary may not charge for notarizing the affidavit
  - Notary may not require photo ID to notarize the affidavit
  - Notary may not screen voters or evaluate voter capacity





## If you do not have a reasonable impediment

- If you do NOT have a reasonable impediment and don't have a qualifying photo ID, you may still vote a provisional ballot at the polls.
- However, for your vote to count, you must provide one of the qualifying IDs to the county election commission prior to certification of the election (usually Thursday or Friday after the election).

# Notice of Provisional Ballot Hearing

**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
ELECTION COMMISSION

## THE COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS WILL HOLD A HEARING TO DETERMINE THE VALIDITY OF YOUR PROVISIONAL BALLOT.

### If you are the challenged voter:

- ★ You are entitled to be present at this hearing.
- ★ You are entitled to be represented by legal counsel and to present evidence.
- ★ If you did not provide photo ID because you suffer from a reasonable impediment and you completed the affidavit, your vote will count unless the election commission has grounds to believe your affidavit is false.
- ★ If you did not provide photo ID, and do not suffer from a reasonable impediment, you must provide ID to the election commission no later than the time of the provisional ballot hearing for your vote to count.

### If you are the challenger:

- ★ You may be present at the hearing and present evidence.
- ★ Prior to the hearing, you may present written evidence to the county election commission.
- ★ If you do none of these to support the challenge, the ballot will be counted.

### The provisional ballot hearing will be held:

DATE	TIME
LOCATION	
ADDRESS	
CITY	SOUTH CAROLINA

### Check the status of your provisional ballot:

- ★ At [SCVotes.org](http://SCVotes.org), click on "Voters", then "Check Your Provisional Ballot".
- ★ Or call the State Election Commission toll-free at **1-866-200-6110**.

This notice was issued as required by Section 7-13-830 of the 1976 South Carolina Code of Laws.

[scVOTES.org](http://scVOTES.org)

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**EVERY VOTE COUNTS.**

Notice of Hearing on Provisional Ballots

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# scVOTES.org

- Photo ID Information Page
- Copies of this PowerPoint
- Download Posters & Handouts
  - Printed posters and handouts available from county elections office
- Updated Poll Manager's Handbook
- Copies of photo ID law and U.S. District Court Opinion



# Questions