

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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WHAT IS THE VOTER ID LAW?

Iowa's Election Integrity Law (commonly known as the "Voter ID law") requires eligible voters to provide identification at their polling place when voting. Acceptable forms of ID include a valid Iowa driver's license or non-driver identification card, Iowa Voter ID card, U.S. passport, military/veteran ID, or a tribal ID/document. A voter without one of the above forms of ID may have the voter's identity attested to by another registered voter in the precinct or may prove identity and residence using Election Day Registration Documents.

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WHO RECEIVES A VOTER ID CARD?

Voter ID cards are provided to registered voters when their county auditor is unable to confirm they have a valid, Iowa DOT-issued drivers' license or non-operator identification card. These cards are provided when a voter registers or updates their voter registration. All voters can request a Voter ID card. For more information, visit sos.iowa.gov

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WHAT HAPPENS IF I LOST MY VOTER ID CARD?

It is important to keep your Voter ID card. If you lost your card after receiving it in the mail, contact your county auditor's office to confirm voter registration information and receive a replacement Voter ID card.

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WHAT IF I'VE RECENTLY MOVED OR DID NOT RECEIVE A VOTER ID CARD BY MAIL?

Make sure your voter registration reflects your current address by visiting sos.iowa.gov/register tovot e. If you have moved, update your voter registration. A Voter ID card will then be sent to you from your county auditor's office. If you no longer live in Iowa, but have received an Iowa Voter ID card by mail, contact your county auditor to cancel your Iowa voter registration.

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I WANT TO CAST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL. WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

To request an absentee ballot, you can download an request form from <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/absenteeballotapp.pdf> and return it to your county auditor. Absentee ballot requests must be received by your county auditor's office by 5:00 p.m. 10 days before a general election. For all other elections, the deadline is 5:00 p.m. 11 days before Election Day.

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I AM A STUDENT FROM OUT OF STATE ATTENDING COLLEGE IN IOWA. CAN I STILL VOTE?

Yes. Students attending Iowa colleges can register to vote online or by sending a completed voter registration form to their county auditor. Those registering on Election Day will be required to show photo identification (such as an out-of-state driver's license or state ID) and proof of residence (such as a residential lease or utility bill). Iowans attending school out-of-state may request an absentee ballot and follow the same rules for absentee voters listed above. For more details, visit sos.iowa.gov.

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WHAT IF I WAIT TO REGISTER TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY AND I DON'T HAVE AN IOWA ID?

Voters registering to vote at their assigned polling place on Election Day are eligible to vote with photo identification (including a current expiration date) and proof of residence. Polling officials will ask for identification; however, if a voter does not have ID to show, they can have a registered voter in that precinct attest to their eligibility. For a complete list of acceptable forms of identification and proof of residence, please visit sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterinformation/edr.html.

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WHAT ARE PROVISIONAL BALLOTS?

Provisional ballots provide a way for voters to cast their ballots on Election Day if there is a question about their eligibility to vote. Voters will be offered a provisional ballot if the voter had been sent an absentee ballot, if the voter does not provide ID when required, or if the voter is challenged by another registered voter. Provisional voters receive a notice on Election Day with information about the reason for the challenge and whether they need to provide additional documentation regarding their eligibility.



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