

## Reviewing Identification

As a precinct official, you are required to ask for identification from any person who offers to vote, or who offers to attest to the identity of another.

- 1) Review the identification in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner.**
- 2) In general, presume the identification depicts the voter.**
- 3) Consider the information on the identification as a whole.**

Each form of identification will have a photograph, except the Iowa Voter Identification Card (PIN card).

- In general, presume the photograph depicts the voter.
- Consider the photograph along with the other information on the ID.
- Keep in mind a person's appearance changes over time.
  - An ID may be current and valid, but show the voter's photo from several years prior.
- Do not ask the voter to explain a change in appearance. You may consider a voter's explanation, if the voter volunteers it.

If you are unsure the identification depicts the voter, or if the voter presents an Iowa Voter Identification Card (PIN card), you may review the voter's signature.

- In general, presume the signature is valid.
- Consider the signature along with the other information on the ID.
- Keep in mind a person's signature may change over time.
  - An ID may be current and valid, but show the voter's signature from several years prior.
- Do not ask the voter to explain a change in signature. You may consider a voter's explanation, if the voter volunteers it.
- In comparing signatures, consider the style and general appearance, proportions and sizes of letters, spacing, slanting, and any distinctive traits.
- Do not rely on a single difference to conclude signatures were made by different persons. Instead, look for multiple differences.

### Change in name or address

If the ID shows the voter's former name, it may still be used to prove the voter's identity.

If the ID shows the voter's former address, it may still be used to prove the voter's identity; however, the voter may also need to prove residence (see Iowa Voter Identification Requirements).

### Provisional ballot

If you believe the identification depicts someone other than the voter, you must challenge the voter's qualifications and offer the voter a provisional ballot.

# Iowa Voter Identification Requirements

## Pre-Registered Voters, Pending Voters and Voters Changing Precincts

### Proof of Identity

- Iowa Driver's License (not expired more than 90 days)
- Iowa Non-operator ID (not expired more than 90 days)
- U.S. Passport (not expired)
- U.S. Military ID or Veteran ID (not expired)
- Iowa Voter Identification Card (must be signed)
- Tribal ID Card/Document (must be signed, with photo, not expired)

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.

Voters changing precincts and pending voters must also provide proof of residence, if proof of identity does not contain voter's current address.

**Proof of Residence** (must include name and current address and be current within 45 days; may be in an electronic format or on paper)

- Residential lease
- Utility bill, including a cell phone bill
- Bank statement
- Paycheck
- Government check
- Other government document
- Property tax statement (current within 45 days of final payment date)

## Election Day Registrants

### Proof of Identity

(must include a photo and current and valid expiration date)

- Iowa Driver's License or Non-operator ID
- Out-of-state Driver's License or Non-operator ID
- U.S. Passport
- U.S. Military ID or Veteran ID
- ID card issued by employer
- Student ID issued by Iowa high school or college
- Tribal ID Card/Document (must be signed, with photo, not expired)

If above proof of residence does not contain the voter's current address, an Election Day Registrant must also provide separate proof of residence.

**Proof of Residence** (must include name and current address and be current within 45 days; may be in an electronic format or on paper)

- Residential lease
- Utility bill, including a cell phone bill
- Bank statement
- Paycheck
- Government check
- Other government document
- Property tax statement (current within 45 days of final payment date)

### \* Have You Been Convicted of a Felony? \*

You cannot use election day registration procedures unless your right to vote has been restored by the Governor of Iowa. If you are not 100% sure your right to vote has been restored, request a provisional ballot.

Voters who are unable to show ID (or prove residence if required) may have their identities attested to by another registered voter in the precinct or have the right to cast a provisional ballot. Election Day Registrant attestors must also show ID. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-888-SOS-VOTE or the County Auditor's Office at 515-993-6914 with any questions or concerns.