

Identification Requirements to Vote in Colorado

General Identification Requirements

All Colorado voters, including first-time voters, must present identification if they vote at the polls. C.R.S. § 1-7-110.

Acceptable ID in Colorado is any of the following:

- Valid Colorado driver's license;
- Valid identification card issued by the department of revenue;
- Valid United States passport;
- Valid employee identification card with a photograph of the eligible elector issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the United States government or of this state, or by any county, municipality, board, authority, or other political subdivision of this state;
- Valid pilot's license issued by the federal aviation administration or other authorized agency of the United States;
- Valid United States military identification card with a photograph of the eligible elector;
- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the elector;
- Valid Medicare or Medicaid card issued by the United States health care financing administration;
- Certified copy of a birth certificate for the elector issued in the United States;
- Certified documentation of naturalization;
- Valid student identification card with a photograph issued by any institution of higher education in Colorado.

Note: While it is not a requirement that any of the ID listed above contain an address, if the submitted ID does provide

an address, it must be a current address in the state of Colorado. C.R.S. § 1-1-104 (19.5).

First Time Voters

First-time voters include individuals who have moved from one county to another county in Colorado (these persons are "first time voters" in the new county) and are eligible to vote by mail, but must provide a copy of one of the forms of ID listed above with the ballot.

All first-time voters in Colorado who **register by mail** must provide on the registration application:

- A valid Colorado Driver's license number;
- A valid Colorado Department of Revenue Identification number; or (if the applicant has neither of these)
- The last four digits of the applicant's social security number.

If an applicant fails to provide this information or to indicate that he or she lacks any of the three identification numbers, the application is considered incomplete and the county clerk shall notify the applicant. 8 CO Code Regs. § 1505-1 (2.6.3). If an applicant **does not have any of the required identification numbers**, they must provide a copy of identification as listed above with their voter registration application; 8 CO Code Regs. § 1505-1 (30.3.1).

Note: Colorado law permits students living in the state who lack a valid Colorado Driver's License or Colorado Department of Revenue Identification number to register to vote by providing the last four digits of their social security number on the application. They must produce their student photo ID at the polls or send a copy of it with their mail-in ballot. C.R.S. § 1-7-103; 8 CO Code Regs. § 1505-1 (30.1.6).

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