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PENNSYLVANIA'S VOTER ID LAW

FAQ – USING A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY ID TO VOTE:

What are the changes to the law and when does it go into effect?	➢ Starting with the November 2012 general election, Pennsylvania law now requires voters to show an acceptable photo ID to vote at the polls.
Is a college or university ID an acceptable photo ID for voting?	➢ Yes, an ID issued by an accredited Pennsylvania public or private institution of higher learning is acceptable provided the ID contains a NAME, a PHOTO, and an EXPIRATION DATE that is CURRENT.
What types of schools are considered accredited Pennsylvania public or private institutions of higher learning?	➢ An accredited Pennsylvania public or private institution of higher learning includes PENNSYLVANIA UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGES, SEMINARIES, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, and PRIVATE TWO-YEAR COLLEGES. An ID issued by these institutions is acceptable for voting purposes, provided the ID contains a name, a photo and an expiration date that is current. ➢ Private licensed schools (e.g., career institutes, technical institutes, massage schools, cosmetology schools, bartending schools, truck driving schools, etc.) are NOT included. An ID issued by these private licensed schools is NOT acceptable for voting purposes.
What if an ID issued by an institution of higher learning does not include an expiration date? Is a sticker acceptable?	➢ Yes, a sticker with an expiration date can be affixed to an ID and is acceptable as long as the sticker is issued by the accredited Pennsylvania public or private institution of higher learning. ➢ A sticker with a school year or a semester as an expiration date is acceptable (e.g., 2012-2013, Fall 2012, etc.). ➢ An ID issued by an accredited Pennsylvania public or private institution of higher learning WITHOUT AN EXPIRATION DATE or that is EXPIRED is not acceptable for voting purposes.
Can faculty, employees, and alumni use an ID issued to them by institutions of higher learning for voting?	➢ Yes, faculty, employees, and alumni of accredited Pennsylvania public or private institutions of higher learning can use an ID issued to them by those institutions for voting purposes, provided the ID contains a name, a photo and an expiration date that is current.

Can I use a photo ID issued by an out-of-state institution of higher learning?	➢ No, only a photo ID issued by an accredited PENNSYLVANIA public or private institution of higher learning is acceptable.
What if my college or university ID does not qualify as an acceptable photo ID? What other forms of photo ID are acceptable?	➢ All IDs must contain a NAME, a PHOTO, and an EXPIRATION DATE that is CURRENT, unless noted otherwise. Other acceptable IDs include: • Photo IDs issued by the U.S. Government or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: o Pennsylvania driver's license or PennDOT photo ID card (valid for voting 12 months past expiration date) o U.S. passport o U.S. military ID (active duty and retired military IDs may designate an expiration date that is indefinite). Military dependents' ID must contain a current expiration date. • Employee photo ID issued by Federal government, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania County, or Pennsylvania Municipal government • Photo ID issued by a Pennsylvania care facility
What if I do not have any acceptable form of photo ID for voting purposes?	➢ If you are a registered Pennsylvania voter and do not have any acceptable form of ID for voting purposes, you can obtain a FREE PennDOT PHOTO ID CARD at a PennDOT Driver's License Center. ➢ VISIT PennDOT's WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION on the form you need to complete, what documents you will need to bring, and how to obtain the free PennDOT photo ID card. ➢ STUDENTS WHO HOLD A CURRENT/VALID OUT-OF-STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE WILL HAVE TO SURRENDER THEIR VALID OUT-OF-STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A FREE PENNDOT PHOTO ID CARD.

For more information on Pennsylvania's voter ID law, visit www.VotesPA.com or call 1-877-VotesPA (1-877-868-3772)