Don’t lose your right to vote! Get a photo ID

On November 6, for the first time, Pennsylvanians will have to show a valid photo ID to vote.

Acceptable IDs must be current, have a photo, and an expiration date. They include: a PA driver’s license or photo ID; U.S. passport; active duty or retired U.S. military or PA National Guard ID; military dependants; U.S. or PA government employees; PA college or university students; and licensed nursing, assisted care, or personal care facilities.

Don’t have photo ID?
You can get a free photo ID from a PennDOT Photo and Driver Exam Center. There are five in Philadelphia, but you can go to any center in the state. Call 1-800-932-4600 before you go to confirm hours for photo ID processing.

Take with you to get a PennDOT photo ID
1. A birth certificate with a raised seal
   OR a US Citizenship or Naturalization Certificate
   AND
2. Your original Social Security card (to find out how to get a replacement call 1-800-772-1213)
   AND
3. TWO items with your name and current address, such as utility bills (not cell phone bill); W-2 form; tax records; lease; mortgage documents.

In some circumstances, you may not need a birth certificate. You still must go to a PennDOT photo ID center to get a photo ID:
If you were born in PA, PennDOT can verify with the Dept. of Health; however, you will have to go to the photo ID center twice.

If you had a PA driver’s license or PA photo ID which expired since 1990, PennDOT can look you up in the system; you do not need any other documentation.

If you were not born in PA and cannot get an official birth certificate, you can get a special photo ID for voting only by providing the following: Name; date of birth; Social Security number; and TWO proofs of residency which include your name and address, as described above.
PLEASE NOTE: these special IDs will not be available until the end of August.

Absentee and alternative ballots If you are age 65 and older, or have a disability which prevents you from being able to go to the polls, you may be eligible to vote by absentee or alternative ballot. These do not require photo ID; but there are specific requirements to qualify. For information, call Philadelphia’s Voter Registration office: 215-686-3469. They can also verify your voter registration, and tell you where your polling place is located.

If you need help or information, or you want to volunteer to help others, call the PA Voter ID Coalition: 1-866-687-8683. IF YOU NEED TRANSPORTATION to obtain a photo ID, call your city council representative.
If you do not know who that is, call City Council’s Voter ID Transportation Line: 215-686-2087.

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