Acceptable Forms of Identification for Voting in Texas
Acceptable IDs

There are 7 forms of acceptable ID:

- Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
- Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS
- United States military identification card containing the person’s photograph
- United States citizenship certificate containing the person’s photograph
- United States passport.
Expiration Dates

An acceptable identification must not have expired more than 60 days before being presented at the polling place, but for the following:

1. **Texas Identification Cards** for persons aged 60 or older may be permanent and marked “INDEF.”

2. **Texas Election Identification Certificates** (EIC) for persons aged 70 or older are permanent cards.

3. Some **military ID cards** are permanent, including Uniformed Services ID cards and Veterans Affairs ID cards. These are usually marked “INDEF.”

4. **Certificates of Naturalization and Certificates of Citizenship** do not expire.
Photograph: Texas law requires the ID to have a photograph of the voter.

Expiration Date: Per §63.0101 must be valid, or expired within 60 days.

Name: If the voter’s name on list of registered voters in the precinct, does not match exactly to the ID provided, a “Substantially Similar Name Affidavit” must be completed by the voter.
Texas Driver’s License – Under 21

**Photograph:** Texas law requires the ID to have a photograph of the voter.

**Expiration Date:** Per §63.0101 must be valid, or expired within 60 days.

**Name:** If the voter’s name on list of registered voters in the precinct, does not match exactly to the ID provided, a “Substantially Similar Name Affidavit” must be completed by the voter.
Election Identification Certificate (EIC)

Photograph: Texas law requires the ID to have a photograph of the voter.

Expiration Date: Per §63.0101 must be valid, or expired within 60 days. EICs do not expire for persons age 70 or older.

Name: If the voter’s name on list of registered voters in the precinct, does not match exactly to the ID provided, a “Substantially Similar Name Affidavit” must be completed by the voter.
Texas Personal Identification Card

Photograph: Texas law requires the ID to have a photograph of the voter.

Expiration Date: Per §63.0101 must be valid, or expired within 60 days. ID cards for individuals aged 60 or older do not expire.

Name: If the voter’s name on list of registered voters in the precinct, does not match exactly to the ID provided, a “Substantially Similar Name Affidavit” must be completed by the voter.
DPS Receipts
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• Receipts are issued at DPS locations when you apply for a driver’s license, identification card, or EIC.

• They are printed on letter sized paper.

• They are used until real card is received by individual in the mail.

• The receipt should not be expired more than 60 days before being presented for voting.
DPS Receipts

- Receipts that do NOT have a photograph should be presented along with the person’s expired ID.
- The receipt should not be expired more than 60 days.
Concealed Handgun License

**Photograph:** Texas law requires the ID to have a photograph of the voter.

**Expiration Date:** Per §63.0101 must be valid, or expired within 60 days.

**Name:** If the voter’s name on list of registered voters in the precinct, does not match exactly to the ID provided, a “Substantially Similar Name Affidavit” must be completed by the voter.
U.S. Military Identification Cards

There are FOUR acceptable types of military ID cards:

1. Department of Defense (DoD) Common Access Card (CAC)
2. Uniformed Services ID Cards
3. DoD Civilian Retiree Cards
4. Veterans Affairs ID Cards
DoD Common Access Card “CAC”

NOTE: The seals to the right of the picture will change according to branch of service.
Voting in Texas with a CAC

**Photograph:** Texas law requires the ID to have a photograph of the voter.

**Expiration Date:** Per §63.0101 must be valid, or expired within 60 days.

**Name:** Per §63.001(c) if the voter’s name appears on the list of registered voters in the precinct, but does not match exactly to the ID provided, a “Substantially Similar Name Affidavit” must be completed by the voter.
Exception

• CACs with a blue bar across the name signify that the cardholder is a non-U.S. citizen, and may not be a qualified voter.

• Contractors will have a green bar, which will be sufficient for use if other qualifications are met.
Uniformed Services ID Cards

• There are four versions of Uniformed Services ID Cards. All look similar, but are issued in four different colors.
Voting in Texas with Uniformed Services ID Cards

**Photograph:** Texas law requires the ID to have a photograph of the voter.

**Expiration Date:** Per §63.0101 must be valid, or expired within 60 days. However, not all cards expire—some will say “INDEF” for indefinitely.

**Name:** Per §63.001(c) if the voter’s name appears on the list of registered voters in the precinct, but does not match exactly to the ID provided, a “Substantially Similar Name Affidavit” must be completed by the voter.
Uniformed Services ID Cards

**Green** – Generally for members of the Individual Ready Reserves and Inactive National Guard.

**Blue** – Generally for retirees, and members on Disability Retired Lists.

**Pink** – Generally for retired members of the Reserves and National Guard under the age of 60, and certain dependents.

**Orange** – Generally for certain dependents (active duty), Medal of Honor recipients, disabled veterans, and others.
DoD Civilian Retiree Cards

**Photograph:** Texas law requires the ID to have a photograph of the voter.

**Name:** Per §63.001(c) if the voter’s name appears on the list of registered voters in the precinct, but does not match exactly to the ID provided, a “Substantially Similar Name Affidavit” must be completed by the voter.

**Expiration Date:** Per §63.0101 must be valid, or expired within 60 days.
Veteran Identification Card (VIC)

Photograph: Texas law requires the ID to have a photograph of the voter.

Name: Per §63.001(c) if the voter’s name appears on the list of registered voters in the precinct, but does not match exactly to the ID provided, a “Substantially Similar Name Affidavit” must be completed by the voter.

Veteran Affairs IDs do not expire.
Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC)

**Photograph:** Texas law requires the ID to have a photograph of the voter.

**Name:** Per §63.001(c) if the voter’s name appears on the list of registered voters in the precinct, but does not match exactly to the ID provided, a “Substantially Similar Name Affidavit” must be completed by the voter.

**Veteran Affairs IDs do not expire.**
U.S. Certificate of Citizenship

REMEMBER – Certificates of Citizenship do not expire.
U.S. Certificate of Naturalization

REMEMBER – Certificates of Naturalization do not expire.
U.S. Passport Card

- Allows entry from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda at land border crossings or sea ports-of-entry.
- Wallet Size.
Permanent Exemption

If a voter has applied for and received a permanent exemption to the photo ID requirement, they will provide a voter registration certificate with an (E) notation.

NOTE: Designation of (E) next to VUID Number.

Example: 1197099876 (E).