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**Identification and Residence Verification Requirements:  
Listings of Acceptable Documents**

The following lists the types of documents voters can use to satisfy 1) the identification and residence verification requirements associated with the “provisional balloting process” and 2) the federal identification requirement imposed on first-time mail registrants.

***Provisional balloting identification requirement:*** A voter who does not appear on the QVF list who wishes to vote a provisional ballot must identify himself or herself as a part of the provisional balloting process (see Step Three of the Four-Step Procedure form). To satisfy the identification requirement, the voter can show:

- A **Michigan** driver’s license. OR
- A **Michigan** personal identification card. OR
- Any other type of **government issued** identification card which shows the voter’s photo. OR
- An identification card issued by a **Michigan** university or college which shows the voter’s photo.

***Provisional balloting residency verification:*** In addition to the above, a voter who does not appear on the QVF list who wishes to vote a provisional ballot must show documentation to confirm that he or she currently resides in the precinct (see Step Three on the Four-Step Procedure form). To satisfy the residence confirmation requirement, the voter can show:

- A **Michigan** driver’s license that lists the voter’s address **in the precinct**. OR
- A **Michigan** personal identification card that lists the voter’s address **in the precinct**. OR
- Any other type of **government issued** photo identification card that lists the voter’s address **in the precinct**. OR
- A photo identification card issued by a **Michigan** university or college that lists the voter’s address **in the precinct**.

If the voter is unable to satisfy the residence confirmation requirement by showing one of the above listed documents, the voter can show one of the alternative documents listed below. If the

voter must rely on one of the following alternative documents to confirm his or her residence address in the precinct, the voter must be issued an “envelope” ballots as explained in the Four-Step Procedure form instructions.

- A current utility bill that contains the voter’s name and address **in the precinct** (see examples below). OR
- A current bank statement that contains the voter’s name and address **in the precinct** (see examples below). OR
- A current paycheck or government check that contains the voter’s name and address **in the precinct** (see examples below). OR
- Any other government document that contain the voter’s name and address **in the precinct** (see examples below).

***Federal identification requirement imposed for first-time mail registrants:*** Federal law stipulates that a voter who has never voted in Michigan who chooses to register by mail must satisfy an identification requirement. To satisfy the identification requirement, the voter can:

- Accurately enter his or her state issued driver’s license number, personal identification card number or the last four digits of his or her Social Security Number where requested on the mail-in voter registration form. OR
- Send one of the following forms of identification when mailing the mail-in voter registration form to his or her county or local clerk: a copy of any current and valid photo identification (see examples below) or a copy of a paycheck, government check, utility bill, bank statement or a government document which lists his or her name and address (see examples below).

If a voter subject to the new federal identification requirement does not meet the requirement when registering, the voter must present one of the above listed documents before voting in the first election in which he or she wishes to participate. The federal identification requirement does not apply if:

- 1) The voter hand delivers his or her mail registration form to the county or local clerk’s office;  
OR
- 2) The voter is disabled; OR
- 3) The voter is eligible to vote under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

**Examples of Acceptable Photo Identification**  
**(Document Must Be Current and Valid;**  
**Listing Applies to**  
**Federal ID Requirement Only)**

Driver's license with photo (any state)

Personal identification card with photo (any state)

Government issued photo identification card

Passport

Student identification card with photo

Credit or automated teller card with photo

Military identification card with photo

Employee identification with photo

Tribal identification with photo

**Examples of Acceptable Paychecks, Government Checks, Utility**  
**Bills and Bank Statements**  
**(Must Contain Voter's Name and Address)**

A paycheck or paycheck stub from any employer issued within the last year

A Social Security Administration check statement issued within the last year

Government or military paycheck or paycheck stub issued within the last year

Tax return check or check statement issued by the IRS or the State of Michigan within the last year

A gas, telephone, electric, water, cable or other utility bill issued within the last year

A statement from a bank or credit union dated within the last year

**Example of Acceptable Government Documents  
(Must Contain Voter's Name and Address)**

Vehicle registration

Electronic Benefit Transaction (EBT) card

Department of Social Services (DSS) card

Insurance card issued pursuant to a government administered or subsidized health insurance program such as Medicare or Medicaid

Veteran's identification card

Lease agreement provided under a public housing program or subsidized housing program

Public housing identification card

Tuition statement or bill from a public college or university

Correspondence or a bill received from a federal, state or local government

Discharge certificate, release papers, pardon, or other official document issued to the voter in connection with the resolution of a criminal case, indictment, sentence or other matter, in accordance with state law

Discount card issued by a public transportation authority or a provider to senior citizens or persons with disabilities

Marriage license