

Forsyth County Register of Deeds Vital Records

Valid Photo ID is Required for Marriage License Applications and Certified Copies of Vital Records

Acceptable ID includes photo, legal name, address and date of birth of the requesting person

PREFERRED ID:

- Valid North Carolina driver license, learner permit or ID card
- Valid Documents issued by the State of North Carolina, other US States, Puerto Rico or US Territory
- Valid Passport from any country

Alternate Identifying Information based on NC DMV Standards (subject to change)

A minimum of two (2) alternate forms of identifying information is required and must include:

- Proof of Residency;
- Proof of Age and Identity;
- Valid Social Security card or documentation issued by US Government indicating legal presence.

Proof of Residency

Proof of residency must include name and address. *This is in addition to proof of age and identity requirements.*

Acceptable proofs must be original documents, are subject to verification and can include:

- 1) Documents issued by the US Government or by the government of another nation, such as:
 - a) Military orders
 - b) Valid passport
 - c) US immigration service documents (US CIS, BIS or INS)
 - d) Correspondence from Veterans Administration
 - e) Matricula Consular from Government of Mexico
 - f) Correspondence from the Social Security Administration
- 2) Documents issued by the State of North Carolina or its political subdivisions (county, city) another US State, Puerto Rico or US Territory, such as:
 - a) Valid North Carolina vehicle registration
 - b) Correspondence or service card from Social Services
 - c) Property tax statement
 - d) North Carolina Library card
 - e) North Carolina voter registration card
- 3) A preprinted bank or other corporate statement (checking account statement)
- 4) A preprinted business letterhead
- 5) Documents deemed reliable such as:
 - a) Apartment lease, housing contract, mortgage statement
 - b) Utility bill (power, cable, water, etc) or contract for utility services
 - c) School records signed by school official, including driver education certificates
 - d) Computer generated tax record
 - e) Current life, health, property or automobile insurance original policy or binder
 - f) Letter from homeless shelter
 - g) Document from Social Services
 - h) Computer generated check stub

Proof of Age and Identity

Requires proof of your full name and your social security number or a document issued by the US Government indicating legal presence. *This is in addition to proof of residency requirements.* To prove your name and age, you must present two (2) documents (see examples below). *The name must be the same on both documents and at least one must reflect the date of birth. The documents cannot come from the same category (e.g. two school documents);*

- Driver License or State-Issued ID Card from another state, Puerto Rico, US territory, or Canada;
- Certified birth certificate issued by a government agency in the US, Puerto Rico, US territory, Canada, or US Report of Consular Birth Abroad;
- Official North Carolina School Registration records signed by a school official and Diplomas or GED issued by North Carolina schools, including secondary schools, community colleges, colleges and universities;
- Unexpired US Military ID, including DD-2, DD-214, Common Access Card, and US Military Dependent Card.

Social Security Card

A valid Social Security card or documentation issued by the US Government indicating legal presence may be used as a supporting document. *This is in addition to the proof of residency and proof of age.*

Explanation for Types of Alternate Identification Accepted

- A driver license, learner permit or ID card with photo which has been expired less than one year may be used as one form of ID.
- A valid unexpired driver license, learner permit or ID card without a photo may be used as one ID. No photocopies allowed, unless certified by issuing agency. May not be laminated. Driver Education Certificates, Driving Eligibility Certificates and report cards are not accepted as proof of ID; however they are acceptable for proof of residency.
- A passport from a nation other than the US must include an unexpired US immigration service stamp such as the I-94 or I-551.
- A passport with a valid US immigration service stamp counts as two documents, since the passport is issued by the country of origin and the immigration stamp is issued by the US.
- Certified marriage certificate from a Register of Deeds or appropriate government agency in US, Puerto Rico, US territory or Canada.
- Limited Driving Privilege issued by North Carolina.
- Valid, unexpired documents issued by the US immigration service.
- Court documents from US jurisdiction, Puerto Rico, US territory or Canada.
- US Veterans Universal Access Card cannot be expired more than one year.
- An expired US immigration service document may be valid if accompanied by a letter from the US immigration service extending the expiration date (e.g. I-797).
- Primary US immigration service document must have applicant's photo.
- Divorce Decree.
- Court order for change of name or gender.
- Adoption Papers.
- Certified Court order for child support.

The lists above are not all inclusive and are intended to be a sample of accepted documents.

