

Obtaining a State Card ID in Ohio

Ohio State Identification Cards are one form of acceptable identification that Ohio voters can use when voting in person. State IDs are an option for Ohioans who do not have a drivers' license, military ID, or US Passport. You can obtain a State ID at an Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles Office, or BMV.

To see if you need a State ID to vote in Ohio under SB 458, the ACLU of Ohio created a helpful flowchart: <https://www.acluohio.org/en/publications/hb-458-ohios-new-strict-voter-id-law>

To obtain a State ID Card in Ohio applicants must show documents that provide proof of:

1. Full legal name
2. Date of birth
3. Legal presence in the US
4. Social Security number (SSN)
5. Ohio street address – TWO documents, from different sources, proving Ohio street address that are listed on the Acceptable Document List are required for proof of Ohio residency.
6. Proof of name change (if applicable)

New Ohio Residents: the process for obtaining a state ID is the same. New Ohioans should bring acceptable documents and their out of state ID (if they have one) to the BMV.

Currently, State IDs cost \$10 for 4 year compliance, or \$19 for 8 year compliance. Beginning April 7, 2023, State ID cards will be free for Ohioans over the age of 17 who do not already have a drivers' license.

You can find your local Bureau of Motor Vehicles here:

<https://publicsafety.ohio.gov/local-office>

These requirements are for an enhanced ID that complies with the enhanced federal standards for air travel ID. For a standard ID card (NOT compliant with air travel requirements), you only need to show one document that provides your Ohio street address. The enhanced ID will be required for air travel in May 2025