

IDENTIFICATION IN HAND, DOCUMENTS IN REACH

An Explainer about Valid Photo IDs

Georgia law and the Department of Public Health regulations require all requests for vital records include the signature and picture ID of the requestor, along with the proper fee.

As the probate judge of Emanuel County, I'm pleased to introduce this essential guide. Hopefully, it will help you determine which types of photo IDs are accepted for various legal documents and processes. They are as follows:

- A **Georgia driver's license**, either unexpired or expired for no longer than 1 year
- A **State of Georgia ID card**, either unexpired or expired for no longer than 1 year
- A **Georgia weapons carry license**
- An **unexpired driver's license issued by another U.S. state, jurisdiction, or territory**
- An **unexpired official ID card issued by another U.S. state, jurisdiction, or territory**
- An **unexpired U.S. or foreign passport**
- A **U.S. military ID, military dependent ID, or veteran's ID**
- An **unexpired consulate card**
- A **transportation ID**
- A **debit card with a picture**
- An **employer ID**
- A **school, university, or college ID**
- A **Department of Motor Vehicle ID**
- A **Department of Corrections ID**

As of 2017, Georgia no longer accepts voter ID cards as valid photo IDs for obtaining vital records.

Your preparedness and attention to detail play a vital role in maintaining a seamless and fair legal system for all our residents, and it will quicken the process/es/ you're handling with my office. Should you have questioned after reviewing this guide, please call or visit me or my staff.

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