

New Mexico Requirements for Voter Identification

First-Time Voters

The federal *Help America Vote Act* mandates that all states require identification from first-time voters who registered to vote by mail and did not provide verification of their identification with their mail-in voter registration.

Required Voter Identification (photo not necessary)

Pursuant to *Section 1-12-7.1 (D) NMSA 1978*, all voters in New Mexico must provide identification in order to qualify their vote.

Section 1-1-24 NMSA 1978, as amended (in accordance with 2008 Session Laws), prescribes the following as acceptable forms of identification:

- An original or copy of a current and valid photo identification with or without an address, which address is not required to match the voter's certificate of registration or a voter identification card
- Utility bill
- Bank statement
- Government check
- Paycheck
- Student identification card
- Other government document, including identification issued by an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo

[All of the above must show the name and address of the person, the address of which is not required to match the voter's certificate of registration]

- Verbal or written statement of the voter's name, address, and year of birth (statement of the voter's name need not contain the voter's middle initial or suffix)

Voters without Identification

If the voter does not provide the required voter identification, the voter shall be allowed to vote on a provisional ballot and shall provide the required voter identification to the county clerk's office before the county canvass begins, or to the precinct board before the polls close, or the voter's provisional ballot shall not be qualified. If the required voter identification is provided, the voter's provisional ballot shall be qualified and the voter shall not vote on any other type of ballot.