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Checking ID

Licensee information sheets from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario

In order to be valid, identification must:

- have been issued by a government;
- be current (expired ID is not valid);
- include the person's photograph, and
- include the person's birth date.

Acceptable forms of ID include:

- an Ontario driver's licence with a photograph;
- a Canadian passport;
- a Canadian citizenship card with a photograph;
- a Canadian Armed Forces identification card;
- an LCBO BYID photo card. *

* Please note that the discontinuation of the Ontario Photo Card issued by the former LLBO did not affect the LCBO's BYID card which continues to be a prescribed form of ID.

Note: By law, no one can be required to produce the Ontario Health Card, nor can the health number be collected. Licensees should not ask for the Ontario Health Card as identification, but if offered voluntarily you may accept it at your discretion.

Spotting fake ID

Most importantly, provide an area with adequate lighting where ID will be checked. Staff will be looking for very fine alterations and will need proper lighting and good eyesight.

Check ID at the door and identify minors before they enter the establishment.

Take your time and examine the ID closely. At the very least, check the photo (is this the person standing in front of you?), the birth date, and the expiry date.

Never accept ID without a photo. Hold the ID in your hands, rather than allowing the patron to flash it at you. If it is in any sort of a case, take it out.

Driver's Licence

When checking an Ontario driver's licence issued prior to December 7, 2007, watch for these security features:

Feel for extra thickness around the photo and the edge of the lamination. This may be an indication of a second photo placed on top of an original and re-laminated.

On the licence, you should see a holographic overlay of the Ontario logo which appears over the centre of the trillium on the front of the card. Run your thumbnail over the date-of-birth line. If a new birth date has been taped over the original, your nail may catch it.

Look for consistency between numbers in the date of birth and the date of issue. Are the numbers the same thickness, weight, and colour? If they have been altered, they may be thicker, heavier, or darker.

Check the month of expiry on the driver's licence against the birth month. They should be the same.

See **Diagram 1** for examples of security features.

Ontario's New Driver's Licence

On December 7, 2007, Ontario's Ministry of Transportation unveiled a new more secure driver's licence. Ontarians will receive the new card when they renew their driver's licence. The new card incorporates leading edge security features such as laser engraved photo/signature/personal information, a fine line background, 2D barcode, micro and rainbow printing, secondary photo and signature images and ultraviolet features.

See **Diagram 2** for examples of updated new security features.

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Checking Driver's Licences

Diagram 1

1. The licence number starts with the first letter of the last name. e.g., Jane Q. Public's licence number starts with "P".

2. The 9th and 10th number are the same as the last two numbers of the person's year of birth.

3. These numbers indicate the month, and day of birth (females have 50 added to their birth month number).

4. The background has a holographic overlay, as well as micro and rainbow printing.

Diagram 2

1. Raised lettering on driver's licence number, signature and date of birth.

2. Protected secondary photo and signature at the bottom right corner. Other security features appear when you angle the card.

3. The machine-readable barcode contains bearer-related data.

4. Ultraviolet inks are used during the manufacturing process to enhance the security background and also to add two distinct UV features: an Ontario logo on the front and a stylized Trillium flower on the back. Both are only visible only under an ultraviolet (blacklight) source.