

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.

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.

Acceptable forms of ID include:

Ontario Driver's Licence with a photograph



Front Face



Reverse Face

LCBO BYID photo card



Front Face



Reverse Face

Canadian Citizenship Card with a photograph



Front Face



Reverse Face

Canadian Armed Forces Identification Card



Front Face



Reverse Face

Photo card issued under the Photo Card Act



Front Face

Permanent Resident Card (Canadian)



Front Face

Canadian Passport



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Secure Indian Status Card (Canadian)



Front Face

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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.

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.

Look for consistency between numbers and letters. Are the numbers and letters consistent and the same thickness, weight,

and colour? If they have been altered, they may be thicker, heavier, or darker.

Some Features of Ontario's Driver's Licence

The driver's licence issued by Ontario's Ministry of Transportation includes various security features. Currently, there are three versions of the licence in circulation throughout the province. Ontarians will receive the newest version of the licence when they become licensed or when their licence is renewed.

The following features are common to all versions of the driver's licence:

- The licence number starts with the first letter of the last name e.g., Jane Q. Public's licence number starts with a "P".
- The 9th and 10th number (separated by a dash) are the same as the last two numbers of the person's year of birth.
- The last two numbers indicate the day of birth.

Versions issued since December 2007 include additional security features such as a 2D bar code, a laser-engraved photo/signature/personal information, a fine line background, micro and rainbow printing, secondary photo and signature images and ultraviolet features.

Checking a Driver's Licence

1. 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 visible only under an ultraviolet (blacklight) source.



2. Raised lettering on driver's licence number and date of birth.



3. Protected secondary photo and signature at the bottom right corner. Other security features appear when you tilt the card from left to right.

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



Note: A driver's licence issued between December 2007 and April 2011 will have a magnetic stripe across the back of the driver's licence as well.

Note: Versions of this driver's licence will be in circulation until November 2014.