



## Alternative Identification Cards

**Effective October 1, 2007 revised rule 18.19.5.12 NMAC provides that applicants who are unable to meet the requirements for a New Mexico identification card, driving permit, provisional driver's license, or driver's license, may apply for an MVD photo identification document card.**

The new Alternative Identification Card does not necessarily meet federal identification requirements, and it is clearly identified as a restricted card that cannot be used for certain purposes. The identification document cannot be used to apply for a New Mexico identification card, driving permit, provisional driver's license or driver's license. An applicant for the Alternative Identification Card must provide two documentary proofs of identity and one documentary proof of residency.

Identity - 2 documents required	NM Residency - 1 document required
<p>Note: At least one of the identity documents must include the applicant's date of birth..</p>	<p>Note: Document must not be more than three months old.</p>
<p>Applicants must produce two forms of documentation with their name and either date of birth or social security number. Two documents with name and date of birth or two documents with name and social security number are acceptable. Any two of the following documents containing the name and date of birth or name and social security number are acceptable to prove identity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ a driver's license, identification card or learner's permit issued by a state or territory of the U.S. or by a jurisdiction of Canada, as long as it has a photograph and has not been expired more than one year;</li> <li>▪ an original or certified copy of the birth certificate issued by a state or territory of the United States;</li> <li>▪ an affidavit of Indian birth;</li> <li>▪ a current, valid passport issued by the United States or by the country of citizenship;</li> <li>▪ an I-94 form presented without a passport if it contains the applicant's photo;</li> <li>▪ American Indian or Alaskan proof of Indian blood, certificate of degree of Indian blood, federal Indian census card or tribal membership card or physical address certification letter from the pueblo's governor's office or planning department;</li> <li>▪ N550 United States certificate of naturalization;</li> <li>▪ a certificate of citizenship (N560);</li> <li>▪ a resident alien card (I-551, AR-3, AR3A, AR-103) that contains the applicant's photo;</li> <li>▪ FS545 or FS1350 United States certificate of birth abroad;</li> <li>▪ a military identification card that includes the applicant's photo;</li> <li>▪ a United States Veterans Administration card that includes the applicant's photo, so long as it is accompanied by a United States Veterans Administration Medical Center identification card;</li> <li>▪ a medical card that includes the applicant's photo;</li> <li>▪ a military dependent identification card that includes the applicant's photo;</li> <li>▪ a government-issued photo identification card;</li> <li>▪ a Matricula Consular card issued after February 1, 2005, by the Mexican Consulate in Albuquerque or El Paso;</li> <li>▪ a New Mexico Corrections Department photo identification card with name, date of birth and documentation that the card has not expired within the past year;</li> <li>▪ an infant baptismal certificate;</li> <li>▪ a Social Security card;</li> <li>▪ a bank card, debit card, or credit card that contains the applicant's photo;</li> <li>▪ a high school, GED, college, trade school, or university transcript, certificate, or diploma;</li> <li>▪ an employee identification badge that contains the applicant's photo;</li> <li>▪ a medical insurance card or documentation of medical insurance coverage or eligibility that contains an identification number;</li> <li>▪ military discharge/separation papers (DD-214);</li> <li>▪ a Selective Service card;</li> <li>▪ proof of eligibility for and receipt of welfare benefits;</li> <li>▪ medical records;</li> <li>▪ documentation from a federal, state, or local correctional facility; or a Social Security Administration benefits award letter containing the Social Security number.</li> </ul>	<p>Applicants must provide one or more of the following documents, showing a New Mexico residential address for the applicant, as proof that the applicant lives in New Mexico:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ a real property rental agreement or purchase agreement;</li> <li>▪ a utility bill, such as a gas, electric, waste, water, cable, satellite bill, or telephone bill but not a bill for a cell phone;</li> <li>▪ an insurance bill or other document verifying current coverage, such as automobile, home or health;</li> <li>▪ a federally regulated financial institution document, such as a bank statement, excluding checks;</li> <li>▪ an employment pay stub with name and address;</li> <li>▪ a local property tax statement with name and address;</li> <li>▪ proof of a minor child enrolled in a New Mexico public, private, or tribal school;</li> <li>▪ a current, valid motor vehicle registration;</li> <li>▪ original documents from a New Mexico community organization attesting to the fact that the applicant is a New Mexico resident;</li> <li>▪ original documents from a city, county, state, tribal, or federal government or social service organization attesting to the fact that the applicant is a New Mexico resident;</li> <li>▪ a Matricula Consular card issued after February 1, 2005, by the Mexican Consulate in Albuquerque or El Paso;</li> <li>▪ documentation of eligibility and proof that the applicant is currently receiving services from a 501(c)(3) organization, as defined by the Internal Revenue Code;</li> <li>▪ for applicants living with a parent or guardian who are under age 18 or who are students under age 25 and provide proof of current full-time enrollment, an affidavit from the parent or guardian stating that the applicant lives with that person, as long as the affidavit is accompanied by the parent's/guardian's New Mexico driver's license or identification card, or two proofs of NM residency.</li> </ul>