

ELECTIONS & VOTING - OBTAINING OHIO ID AFTER INCARCERATION

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[You have a right to vote in the State of Ohio](#) unless you are currently incarcerated with a felony conviction.

One of the biggest obstacles for the re-entry population is obtaining a legal state ID which is necessary for re-entering the workforce, securing housing, etc. Essential documents have often been taken away, misplaced, or lost during incarceration.

To obtain a state ID you need to provide proof of legal name, date of birth, citizenship, social security number, address and name change, if applicable.

There are several documents that will provide that proof

- **Full Legal Name** - Birth Certificate
- **Date of Birth** – Birth Certificate
- **Proof of U.S. Legal Presence** – Birth Certificate
- **Social Security Number** – Social Security Card
- **Proof of Address** – Bank statement, utility bill, child support statement
(for a complete list of acceptable documents:
<https://services.dps.ohio.gov/BMVOnlineServices/DL/AcceptableDocuments>)
- **Legal Name Change** (if applicable, this would show up on Social Security Card)

Obtaining a copy of your Birth Certificate

If you need a copy of your birth certificate, you can order one here (current cost is \$21.50):

<https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/vital-statistics/how-to-order-certificates>

Obtaining a copy/replacement of Social Security Card

To obtain a replacement card you have several options

Option A: If you had previously set up an account with the Social Security Administration(SSA), log on, order new card

Option B: Take your birth certificate (see above) and proof of your SS# to the SSA office to order new card

How to obtain proof of your SS# (source: Stark County Re-entry Coalition)

1. Use a recently filed tax return
2. Obtain a Patient Face Sheet (Patient Information record) from any hospital that serviced you as an adult
 - a. Bring your birth certificate to hospital medical records
 - b. Ask for your Patient Face Sheet, ensure it has your FULL social security number
 - c. The hospital MUST sign or stamp it

Go to the SSA office with your Face Sheet (or tax return) and birth certificate. You will receive your card in approximately 7 days (before COVID-19). When you receive the card, be sure to sign it

Once you have your new SS card, go to the BMV with your birth certificate, SS card, and mail with your current address (see list above). You will get a temporary ID until your actual ID arrives in the mail within 7 - 21 days (before COVID-19)

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