



# ACCEPTABLE I.D.

You must ask anyone who appears to be less than 25 years of age for identification that proves they are at least 19 years old before selling them any tobacco products.

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The Ontario Driver's License and the Ontario Photo Identification Card are the most common forms of I.D. used when purchasing tobacco products. Any I.D. that has been issued by a government and includes a photograph of the person and date of birth is also acceptable.

### Ontario Driver's Licence

Over 19 years



Under 19 years (New 2013)\*



### Ontario Photo I.D. Card

Over 19 years



Under 19 years (New 2013)\*



**\*Note:** Licenses and photo I.D. cards issued since January 2013 to persons under 19 will not only show the date they were born but will also specify the date that they turn 19, for example: **AGE 19/ANS 2014/02/28**.

Other examples of acceptable I.D.:

1. Passports
2. Canadian Citizenship card
3. Drivers' licence from other Provinces or U.S. states.
4. Photo card issued by L.C.B.O.
5. Canadian armed forces card



You may accept, but not ask for an Ontario Health card with a photo as I.D.

# FIVE STEPS FOR CHECKING I.D.

## Step 1

Is the ID acceptable? Is the I.D. issued by a government? Does the I.D. include a photograph of the person, and their date of birth? Does the I.D. appear to be altered in any way, for example, double laminated, or more than one type of lettering? If you suspect the I.D. has been altered, ask the person to state their full address and date of birth.

## Step 2

Does the photo on the I.D. match the person standing in front of you? Focus on the nose, ears, and chin. These features rarely change.

Ontario Drivers License (Over 19 years of age)



Ontario Drivers License (Under 19 years of age)



## Step 3

Carefully check **the date of birth** on the I.D. (Licenses and photo I.D. cards issued since January 2013 to persons under 19 will not only show the date they were born but will also specify **the date that they turn 19**, for example: **AGE 19/ANS 2014/02/28**.)

## Step 4

Take the time you need to accurately calculate the person's age. If necessary, use a calculator or pen and paper. Do not override the prompt on the cash register.

## Step 5

If the I.D. is valid and the person is 19 or older, return the I.D. and make the sale. If the I.D. is not valid or the person is underage, refuse the sale.

**Remember: If you sell tobacco to a customer who is underage, you and/or the store owner may be charged.**