

What IDs are acceptable for the purchase of alcoholic beverages in Montana?

The purpose of asking a customer for an ID when they are purchasing alcoholic beverages is to verify the person is at least 21 years old.

Acceptable forms of ID are any government-issued ID that meets the following criteria:

- Contain a photograph
- Contain a date of birth
- Are not altered or manipulated

If the above criteria are met, here are some examples of conventional IDs:

Common:

- Montana driver's licenses
- US Passports
- Military ID
- Montana Tribal ID

Less common but acceptable:

- Driver's licenses including from other states and foreign countries
- Other forms of Government and foreign countries' IDs
- Passports issued from countries other than the United States of America

New and Unconventional IDs that are also acceptable (if they meet the criteria above):

- Digital driver's licenses and state IDs
- State (not private) college and university IDs
- Medical Marijuana IDs

Remember: the purpose of asking for an ID is to ensure the purchaser is of legal age. Underaged people will try all different tactics to obtain alcoholic beverages. If in doubt, ask for a second form of ID or deny the sale.

Please be advised that sales to underage and any person who is actually, apparently, or obviously intoxicated is against the law.

All licensees must comply with all Federal and Montana alcoholic beverage laws and rules.

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