

How to Check Identification

Provisional Texas ID (under 18) Format



Provisional License – under 18

DOB: 01-02-87 means this person was born on January 2, 1987.

Adult Texas ID/Driver's License Format



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Valid forms of identification (ID)

Check for a valid ID of any person who appears to be under 27. Acceptable forms of ID are:

- Passport,
- Driver's license with photo from Texas or another state,
- Texas Identification Card,
- Other ID cards issued by a state or the federal government that displays the person's photo, name, address, date of birth, physical description and signature.

Follow these easy guidelines before selling tobacco products!

1. If they present a Texas driver's license or ID card that has a vertical format (shown at left) that says "Provisional Driver License," they are under 18. Do not sell them tobacco.
2. Check to make sure your customer is age 18 or older by verifying their date of birth (DOB). For example:
 - **In 2004**, anyone born in 1986, after today's date, is under 18.
 - **In 2005**, anyone born in 1987, after today's date, is under 18.
3. Don't rush or feel pressured when checking an ID.
4. Look at the picture and make sure it's the person attempting to buy tobacco. If in doubt that the ID is valid, ask the person their date of birth, address and/or zip code. If they falter on an answer, ask for another form of ID.
5. If you suspect an ID is not valid or if it has expired, do not sell tobacco to that customer.



Together we can stop kids from buying tobacco.