

Frequently Asked Questions for Election Judges

Question 1

Q1: Will two ballots still be run through the AutoMARK when opening the polling place in the morning? So won't there be two spoiled ballots at minimum in every precinct?

A1: Yes, Minneapolis election judges will still use two ballots when setting up the AutoMARK before the polls open on election day. **The first ballot** will be inserted into the AutoMARK by an election judge, and that judge, while using **another ballot** to compare, will listen to the audio for the entire ballot and check for accuracy. When finished, the ballot inserted into the AutoMARK will be ejected unmarked. Both ballots will then be labeled "AutoMARK Test Ballot" at the top and then placed into the Spoiled Ballot Envelope.

Question 2

Q2: A **residential lease** or **rental agreement** that is valid through election day and contains the voter's current name and current address can be used along with an approved photo ID to register to vote on election day. What if a lease has gone into an automatic renewal period and it is impossible to discern the validity of the lease or rental agreement through election day from the document itself?

A2: If the validity through election day of a residential lease or rental agreement cannot be ascertained from the document itself, then it cannot be used for election day registration. Remember, there are many other options voters have to register on election day.

Question 3

Q3: Can someone use a driver's license, state ID card, or learner's permit issued by Puerto Rico along with an approved document to register on election day?

A3: Yes. A driver's license, state ID card, or learner's permit issued by a U.S. territory can be used along with an approved document to register on election day. (M.R. 8200.5100, subp. 2; M.S. 645.44, subd. 11)

Question 4

Q4: Is there an ID number on the **yellow receipt** for a MN driver's license, MN state ID, or MN learner's permit? Note: this question has arisen as a result of election judges wanting to know what gets written into the space for an "ID Number" under the "Election Judge Official Use Only" section of the Election Day Registration Application in the section "ID with Current Name & Address" when a voter uses a yellow receipt for election day registration.

A4: Yes, in the case of a receipt for **renewal** of one of the three types of MN ID cards, the individual's ID number is near the top left of the yellow receipt. However, a yellow receipt for a **new** one of these three types of MN ID cards will not have this number. Election judges can use a receipt number (a clerical tracking number) found on the yellow receipt instead to put on the Election Day Registration Application. In addition, within box number 7 on the Election Day

Registration Application, the voter must check the 2nd or 3rd option, as they will not have a “MN-issued driver’s license or MN ID card number” yet.

Question 5

Q5: Can a portable **electronic device** such as a cell phone or tablet be used to show an electronic copy of one of the approved documents to an election judge while registering to vote on election day?

A5: Yes.

Question 6

Q6: If using a start of service statement as an approved document along with an approved photo ID to register on election day and there is more than one date listed on the document (for instance, a date received and a different start-of-service date), which date do I use to understand if it is due or dated within 30 days of the election?

A6: Use the date that the service actually starts to verify whether it is dated within 30 days of the election.

Question 7

Q7: Can one of the approved photo IDs (when used in conjunction with an approved document to register on election day) be expired?

A7: Yes.

Question 8

Q8: When voter is voting curbside, **what if that voter leaves** after voting their ballot and handing that ballot to the election judges, and then it is discovered by the election judges after depositing the ballot into the ballot counter that the ballot contains an error?

A8: Before this situation even occurs, be sure to **mention to the voter that they need to wait until the two election judges return** and confirm to the voter that their ballot has been successfully cast.

If a situation like this does occur, the judges should cast the ballot as marked by the voter.