

375-3-1-.15 Photographs on cards or credentials issued by the Department

- (a) Each driver's license, permit, or identification card issued by the Department shall contain a photograph of the person depicted therein for identification purposes;

- (b) The photograph shall contain a depiction of the applicant's face from crown to the base of the chin, from ear-to-ear, and shall be clearly visible and free of shadows. Any covering of the head or face in the photograph is prohibited.

- (c) Exceptions.
 - (1) Any head or facial covering in the photograph is prohibited unless the covering is required for religious purposes or required for medical purposes;
 - (2) For religious exceptions, a sworn statement on a form approved by the Department must be submitted by the applicant verifying that the covering is worn daily for religious purposes;
 - (3) For medical exceptions, other than eyewear, a signed doctor's statement must be submitted by the applicant verifying that covering or item is required daily for medical purposes;

- (d) Any covering of the face or head for religious or medical reasons must not obscure any facial features and not generate shadow in the photograph; and such covering must be adjusted to allow a full-faced photograph.

- (e) Except as provided in section (c) of this rule, any covering or alterations of the head or face, including but not limited to headphones, wireless devices, disguises, hats, or costumes, shall not be visible in the photograph.

- (f) The Department shall endeavor to accommodate persons objecting to being viewed or photographed by an employee of the opposite sex by having the photograph taken by a member of the same sex or by arranging for a private photograph at the Department's Headquarters.

- (g) The Department shall require a retake of any photograph that it determines is not in compliance with the requirements of this rule and may refuse to issue a driver's license, permit, or identification card to any person who fails to comply with the requirements of this rule.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 40-5-4, 40-5-100, 40-5-101, 40-5-24

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

The Purpose of this new rule is to move the provisions related to photographs contained on licenses, permits, and identification cards to a new section to amend clarify existing provisions related to photographs on driver's licenses, permits, or identification cards.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

The provision related to photographs contained on licenses, permits, and identification cards has been moved from 375-3-1-.02 (9) and has been moved to a new section. Also, language has been added to the former provision related to photographs to clarify exceptions and restrictions contained in that provision.