

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

PRIMARY IDS

All banks and credit unions are required to collect information from an ID card(s) as follows:

- Name
- Date of birth
- Address
- Photo
- Signature
- Unique identifying number
- Issuance date
- Expiration date

This information must be contained on a government-issued ID card. Examples of cards accepted as primary ID are:

- California Driver License
- California State ID
- Passport
- Permanent Resident Card (Green Card/Alien Registration Card)
- Military ID
- Consular ID (Mexican Matricula, Guatemalan Consular)

In addition, all Bank on San Francisco banks and credit unions accept the Mexican Matricula and the Guatemalan Consular identification cards. Some may accept other Consular ID cards in addition. Check our resource guide for a full list of IDs that are accepted by the various financial institutions.

SECONDARY IDS

A bank or credit union will usually ask for a secondary form of ID, usually to verify an address, especially if the primary ID has been recently issued. Commonly accepted forms of secondary IDs are:

- Certificate of naturalization,
- Recent utility bill, including PG&E, water bill, garbage bill, Internet/cable, residential phone (cell phone bill not accepted)
- Student ID card
- Union membership card
- Employee badge, birth certificate
- Health insurance card
- Non-photo government aid card (welfare, Medicaid, food stamps)

It is a good idea to check with the bank or credit union ahead of time to see if a secondary ID is necessary and, if so, what types are accepted.