

What IDs can you use?

Banks need to see 2 things:

- Government-issued photo ID
- Proof of address

1. Best combination: driver’s license (both photo and address) and passport (photo).
2. A health card only works as photo ID in BC, Alberta, Quebec, Saskatchewan, New Brunswick and Newfoundland.
3. If you don’t have a passport, try your birth certificate, certificate of Canadian citizenship, permanent resident card, or Canadian certificate of Indian status.
4. For your address, try using a bill in your name, like a phone / utility bill, or your lease agreement.
5. Another option for your address is the Notice of Assessment you received from the Canada Revenue Agency (if you filed your taxes). Fold the paper to only show the top part (you don’t want to share more than your personal details and address)
6. For students, some banks may accept your high school report card or a college / university transcript (because they have the school’s address)
7. Your parent’s child tax benefit statement also has your address