

# Is Your Customer Old Enough?

## 1 Ask for ID

Always ask for a valid picture ID from anyone who looks younger than 30 years old before selling tobacco products, electronic cigarettes or vaping products, or non-tobacco smoking products, such as herbal cigarettes, non-tobacco shisha, pipes or rolling papers.

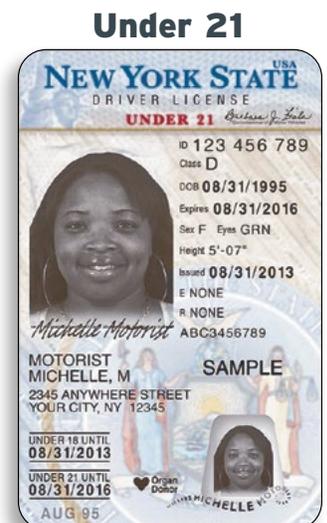
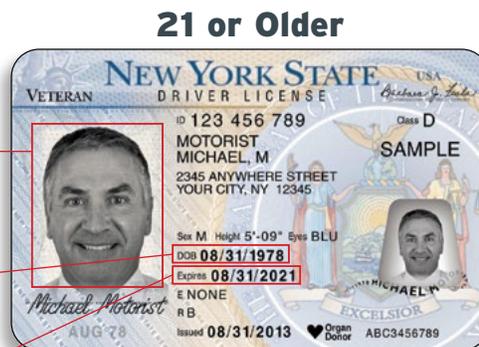
**There are only three acceptable forms of ID:**

- A valid driver's license or other photo ID issued by a state or by the U.S. or Canadian government
- A valid passport from any country, but foreign IDs are not acceptable
- A photo ID issued by the U.S. Armed Forces

**NO ID** ➔ **NO SALE**

## 2 Check the ID

- Check the **picture first**. See that it matches the person making the purchase.
- Check the **date of birth (DOB)**. Make sure the customer is at least 21 years old.
- Check the **expiration date**. Make sure the ID has not expired.



## 3 Refuse the Sale if Necessary

If the customer cannot produce an ID, or the ID is invalid, refuse the sale.

**Here are some tips for avoiding conflict with customers:**

- Be polite and stay calm. You can say, "If I sell to you, I may have to pay a fine or lose my tobacco license or registration."
- Show the customer your required sign that says you cannot sell tobacco products, electronic cigarettes or non-tobacco smoking products, such as herbal cigarettes, non-tobacco shisha, pipes or rolling papers to anyone under 21 years old.
- If the customer takes the product, leaves the money and runs away, do not ring up the sale. Treat it as a theft and report the incident to the police.