



United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of California

PHOTO IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR PERSONS FILING A PETITION WITHOUT ATTORNEY REPRESENTATION

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The Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of California has implemented a policy requiring all debtors who are not represented by an attorney (“pro se”), to provide a copy of current government issued photo identification. This policy also applies to persons who bring pro se petitions to the intake counter for filing.

- 1) **Filing in person:** When a petition is presented at the counter for filing, the person presenting the petition must provide a current government issued photo identification. A copy of the identification will be made for retention, but will not be accessible as part of the public record.
- 2) **Filing by mail:** A photocopy of the debtor(s)’ government issued photo identification is required with the petition. If the government issued photocopy is not provided, a deficiency will be noted and the case, if filed, may be subject to dismissal.

Acceptable Forms of Government Issued Identification:

- State Issued Driver’s License
- U.S. Government Passport
- State or Federal Issued Identification Card
- Federal, State or Local Government Issued Employee Identification Card
- Military Photo Identification Card
- or other form of Government Issued Photo Identification

Identification must be current, be legible and contain a photograph.

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Clerk of Court