

VOTER ID

Beginning with the 2016 Spring Primary, all Wisconsin voters must show an acceptable photo ID before voting. This includes voting at polling places and many absentee voters.

I have a Photo ID- now what?

Which kind of ID do I need to show? What if my ID is expired?

As long as the following forms of ID are current or did not expire before November 4, 2014 they are acceptable:

- Wisconsin Drivers' License (driving privileges may be revoked or suspended)
- Wisconsin Identification Card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles
- Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service
- US Passport

The following are also acceptable, however, may NOT be expired:

- Wisconsin Drivers' License receipt or Wisconsin Identification Card receipt issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles (valid for 45 days after it is issued)
- Certificate of Naturalization that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of the next election
- Photo ID card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college that contains date of issuance. Also, the university or college ID must be accompanied by a separate document that proves current enrollment, such as a tuition fee receipt, enrollment verification letter or class schedule.
- Citation or notice of intent to revoke or suspend a Wisconsin DOT-issued Driver License that is dated within 60 days of the election.
- State of Wisconsin, DOT issued, identification card without a photo, issued to those electors with a religious objection to being photographed
- Identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin

I can't make it to a polling place and need to vote absentee- now what?

- As long as you are registered to vote at your current address, you may request to have an absentee ballot mailed to you at your home or mailing address.

Do I need to provide a photo ID to vote absentee?

It depends whether or not you are a permanent or temporary absentee ballot.

- **Permanent Absentee Voters:** This means that you are indefinitely confined and unable to leave your house due to age, illness, infirmity or disability. Permanent absentee voters **do NOT** have to provide a photo ID when requesting your absentee ballot.
- **Temporary Absentee Voters:** This means you are only requesting a ballot for selected elections and do not qualify to be a permanent absentee voter. You **WILL** need to provide a photocopy of an acceptable photo ID (see above list) before your absentee ballot will be mailed. The copy of your ID will be kept on file and you will not need to submit it with future requests for absentee ballots.
- For those who vote during the in-person absentee “**early**” voting period, **you must** show your photo ID as you would on Election Day.

What if I am not registered to vote or my name and address have changed?

Completing the **voter registration** process is necessary for **first-time voters**, or for anyone whose **name and/or address have changed**. When registering, you will need to prove you live at your address through a Proof of Residence document or ID.

What form of ID do I need to meet proof of residency requirement?

- Any acceptable photo ID as long as that ID contains your name and address

What if my photo ID does not have my address on it, or the address is not current?

You will need an additional **Proof of Residence Document** that contains your name and current address, which may include the following:

- Current & valid WI Drivers' License or current and valid WI Identification Card
- Any other official ID issued by an employer in the normal course of business and bearing a photo of the card holder, but **not** including a business card
- Residential lease that is effective for a period that includes the date of voter registration
- Real estate tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding the date of the election
- Utility bill for the period beginning 90 days or less before the date of registration; includes electric, gas, water or sewer bills (name must appear on bill); cable (including satellite) or internet bills; phone bills (including cellular)
- Bank statement
- Paycheck: actual check, check stub or record of direct deposit
- Check or other document/official correspondence issued by a unit of government
- College or University ID card **ONLY** if the voter provides a fee receipt dated within the last nine (9) months. Example: a student ID and a copy of tuition receipt from the Bursar's office.
- Affidavit for homeless voters- letter from shelter or other organization providing services to the homeless. Must be on letterhead, signed by a person affiliated with the social service agency & must identify the individual and describes the location designated as residence for voter purposes.

What if I don't have any form of photo ID and need to get one?

- You can get a free Wisconsin ID at the Division of Motor Vehicles, you will need to bring documents with you.
- The following documents are acceptable: certified birth certificate, social security card and a utility bill or cell phone bill. There is a long list of other acceptable documents.
- You must bring original copies, photocopies are not acceptable.

- Be sure to check the box that says “ID for Free” on your application
- Once it is complete you will get a receipt (valid for 45 days) that you can use at the polls until your state ID arrives by mail.

For Further Questions please see: <http://bringit.wisconsin.gov/> or contact

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