



Wisconsin Voter Advocate Guide

Voter ID Assistance Guide for Volunteer Voter Advocates

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To vote in Wisconsin, voters will need to bring ONE (1) form of acceptable voter photo ID to their polling place.

(<http://bringit.wisconsin.gov/do-i-have-right-photo-id>)

These are acceptable for voting purposes, and can be unexpired or expired after the date of the most recent general election (currently, the November 4, 2014, election):

- A Wisconsin DOT-issued driver's license, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended
- A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card
- Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service
- A U.S. passport

These photo IDs are acceptable for voting purposes, but must be unexpired:

- A certificate of naturalization that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of an election at which it is presented
- A driving receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days)
- An identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days)
- A photo identification card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college that contains date of issuance, signature of student, and an expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance.

NOTE: the university or college ID must be accompanied by a separate document that proves enrollment.

- A citation or notice of intent to revoke or suspend a Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license that is dated within 60 days of the date of the election.

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These photo IDs are acceptable for voting purposes whether they are unexpired or have no expiration date:

- Veterans Affairs card issued by the Veterans Health Administration of the federal Department of Veterans Affairs.

These photo IDs are also acceptable for voting purposes whether they are expired or unexpired:

- An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin.

Exemptions/Exceptions

Photo ID is always required when voting at your polling place unless you:

- Are a “confidential elector” such as victims of domestic abuse, sexual violence or stalking and who has submitted substantiation (<http://www.gab.wi.gov/elections-voting/voters/confidential>).
- Have spiritual beliefs that prevent you from being photographed, in which case you can receive a State ID card without a photo at any Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) office.

Photo ID is not required for absentee voters who are active military personnel and “permanent overseas” citizens (who will be issued ballots for federal offices only).

Photo ID is not required for these absentee voters; the witness’ signature on the Absentee Ballot Certificate Envelope satisfies the photo ID requirement:

- “Indefinitely confined” voters who, because of age, physical illness, infirmity, or disability, may have difficulty traveling to the polling place
- Nursing home and other care facility residents

Important things to know

- There is no such thing as a Wisconsin Voter ID Card (except for students whose school ID is different from the school's voter-compliant version). The new Voter Photo ID Law uses existing photo IDs for people to prove their identity before voting.
- The address on your ID doesn't have to be current.
- The name on your ID doesn't need to be an exact match for your name in the poll book such as Rich vs. Richard, Bob vs. Robert, or Sue vs. Susan.
- Your ID should look like you. Even if you've colored your hair, shaved your beard, or lost some weight, as long as your photo ID reasonably resembles you, it should be accepted.

How to get a free Wisconsin ID card

(<http://bringit.wisconsin.gov/how-do-i-get-free-state-id-card>)

If you do not have one of the above photo IDs, are a U.S. citizen, will be at least 18 years of age by the next election, and would like a Wisconsin ID card to vote, please check the "ID for FREE" box when completing the Wisconsin Identification Card (ID) application MV3004.

(<http://wisconsin.gov/Documents/formdocs/mv3004.pdf>).

To get a free ID card, you will need to take a few documents to your nearest Division of Motor Vehicles office.

(<http://wisconsin.gov/Pages/online-srvcs/find-dmv/default.aspx>).

There's a long list of documents you can use below, but **most people will be fine with a certified U.S. birth certificate, a Social Security card, and a utility bill or cell phone bill.** You'll notice that some records, like a certified birth certificate, satisfy more than one category.

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Just be sure to bring originals or certified copies — photocopies don't work — and check the box that reads "ID for Free" on your application. Once it's complete, you'll get a receipt (valid for 45 days) that you can use at the polls until your state ID arrives by mail.

NOTE: The documentation list below applies to any Wisconsin resident applying for a state photo ID. In order to vote, you must be a U.S. citizen and at least 18 years of age by the next election.

Documents required to obtain a state ID

The documents you will need fall into four categories.

1. PROOF OF NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH

- Certified birth certificate from Wisconsin (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/vitalrecords/birth.htm>)
- Certified birth certificate from another State or Territory of the United States, or a certificate of birth abroad issued by the U.S. Dept. of State (federal forms FS-545 or DS-1350). In line with Puerto Rico's law, as of October 31, 2010, Wisconsin does not accept any Puerto Rican birth certificate certified before July 1, 2010. More information at www.pr.gov.
- Valid foreign passport with federal I-551 or I-94, arrival and departure record.
- Federal I-551 Alien Registration Receipt Card.
- Federal I-94 Arrival-Departure Record (Parole or Refugees Version), a reception and placement program assurance form, plus a letter from sponsoring agency and MV3002.
- U.S. Certificate of Naturalization (N-550 or N-570)—if dated earlier than two years before date of voting.
- U.S. Certificate of Citizenship (N-560 or N-561).
- Federal temporary resident card or employment authorization card (I-688, I-688B or I-766).

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- Court order with court seal related to the adoption or divorce of the individual or to a name or gender change that includes the person's current full legal name, date of birth and the person's prior name. This does not include an abstract of criminal or civil conviction.
- TSA Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC card).

2. PROOF OF IDENTITY

- A valid out-of-state driver's license (not a Canadian driver's license) with your photograph. Note: Temporary out-of-state driving receipts are not acceptable.
- Military discharge papers, including Federal DD-214.
- U.S. Government and Military Dependent ID Card.
- A valid out-of-state ID card (not a Canadian ID card) with your photograph.
- Certified copy of a Marriage Certificate or Judgment of Divorce.
- Social Security Card issued by the Social Security Administration.
- If you are under 18, your parent or legal guardian can show a valid Wisconsin driver's license or ID card and confirm your identity.
- TSA Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC card).

3. PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP OR LEGAL STATUS

- U.S. state or local government-issued certificate of birth (certified copy - birth registration and hospital certificates are not acceptable).
- Valid U.S. passport (if expired before the date of the most recent general election...currently November 4, 2014, election).
- U.S. Certificate of Citizenship (federal form N-560 or N-561)—if dated earlier than two years before date of voting.
- U.S. Certificate of Naturalization (federal form N-550 or N-570).
- DHS/Transportation Security Administration (TSA) transportation worker identification credential.

4. PROOF OF WISCONSIN RESIDENCY

- Employee photo identification card issued by your current employer, containing your employer's name and address. Your employer's telephone number may be required for verification.
- Pay check or stub, or earning statement with your name and Wisconsin address, and your employer's name and address, issued within the last 90 days. Your employer's telephone number may be required for verification.
- A utility bill for water, gas, electricity, or landline telephone service issued within the last 90 days. Cable or similar bundles of services that include landline telephone service is included in this category. Electronic copies are acceptable.
- Cell phone bills. Electronic copies are acceptable.
- An account statement from a Wisconsin bank/financial institution issued within the last 90 days. This includes savings, checking or money market accounts held in banks or credit unions. Electronic copies are acceptable.
- Certified school record or transcript that identifies you by name, shows your current address, and is issued within the last 90 days for the most recent school period.
- Mortgage documents for a residential property located in Wisconsin.
- Community based/assisted living residential contracts.
- Your current valid homeowner, renter, or motor vehicle insurance policy dated within one year of application.
- Government-issued correspondence or product issued within the last 90 days from a federal, state, county, or city agency.
- Department of Corrections documentation: Letters from probation/parole agents on letterhead issued within the last 90 days.
- Your college enrollment documentation or Form 2019, Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status with your current Wisconsin address.
- A photo identification card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college that contains the following: date of issuance, signature of student, and an expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance. **NOTE: The university or college ID must be accompanied by**

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a separate document that proves student's current address (e.g., a housing contract or lease).

- Valid Wisconsin hunting or fishing license.

How to obtain citizenship & proof-of-name documents needed for Wisconsin voter ID - at no cost

A Document Verification Petition Process (see below or <http://www1.wisconsin.gov/Pages/dmv/license-drivers/how-to-apply/petition-process.aspx>) is available if fees arise in order to obtain a free ID card for voting. This petition process is available if any of the following applies:

- Applicant is unable to provide documents for proof of name and date of birth as required by Wis. Admin. Code § Trans 102.15(3)(a) but which require a fee to a government agency to obtain. This includes documentation needed for proof of legal name change.
- Applicant is unable to provide documents for proof of United States citizenship as required by Wis. Admin. Code § Trans 102.15(3m) but which require a fee to a government agency to obtain.

Document verification petition process

(en español - <http://www1.wisconsin.gov/Pages/dmv/license-drivers/how-to-apply/s-petition-process.aspx>)

If you already hold a Wisconsin driver's license or identification card (that's current or expired after the last general election...currently November 4, 2014), you have what you need to vote. **If you are applying for a free ID card for the first time for voting purposes and your documents to prove U.S. citizenship, name, date of birth, or legal name change are unavailable, you may use this process.**

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Eligibility requirements:

- ID Card applicants must be U.S. citizens, at least 17 years of age, and indicate that the ID card is required free of charge for the purposes of voting; and
- ID Card applicants must claim that documents required to prove U.S. citizenship, name, date of birth and/or legal name change are unavailable and require a fee to a government agency to obtain.

Applicants using this process to obtain an ID must:

- Apply at a DMV customer service center.
(<http://www1.wisconsin.gov/Pages/online-srvcs/find-dmv/default.aspx>)
- Complete a Wisconsin Identification Card Application form MV3004, including applicant's Social Security number.
(<http://wisconsin.gov/Documents/formdocs/mv3004.pdf>)
- Complete a Document Verification Process (DMV Administrator Petition) form MV3012.
(<http://wisconsin.gov/Documents/formdocs/mv3012.doc>).

Present documents to prove:

- **Identity**
(<http://www1.wisconsin.gov/Pages/dmv/license-drvs/how-to-apply/identity.aspx>):
 - A valid photo driver's license or photo identification card issued by Wisconsin or another jurisdiction (except a province of the Dominion of Canada) with an expiration date up to eight years
 - Military discharge papers (including certified copy of federal form DD-214)
 - U.S. government and military dependent identification card
 - Marriage certificate or certified copy of judgment of divorce

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- Documents permitted under proof of name and date of birth, if it bears a photograph
 - A parent or guardian having legal custody identifies person under the age of 18 (but who will be 18 by the date of the election) and the parent or guardian shows a valid Wisconsin operator's license or ID card
 - Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC Card), issued by the Department of Homeland Security/Transportation Security Administration
 - A valid college ID card from any U.S. university, college or technical college, containing student's name and photograph
 - Unexpired temporary driving license or ID card receipt, including receipts from other jurisdictions
 - Social Security Card issued by the Social Security Administration
 - W-2 form including the applicant's name, address and SSN
 - SSA - 1099 form
 - Non SSA-1099 form
 - Paystub with the applicant's name and entire Social Security Number listed
- **Wisconsin residency (where you live in Wisconsin)**
(<http://www1.wisconsin.gov/Pages/dmv/license-drvs/how-to-apply/residency.aspx>)

All documents must contain applicant's name and current Wisconsin address. Documents listing a post office box or commercial receiving agency as the mailing address are not acceptable.

Printed electronic copies are acceptable for the following items:

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- Paycheck, stub or earning statement with your employer's name and address issued within the last 90 days.
- A utility bill for water, gas, electricity or land-line telephone service issued within the last 90 days. Includes cable and Internet services.
- Mobile phone bills issued in the last 90 days.
- An account statement from a bank/financial institution or brokerage house issued within the last 90 days. Includes savings, checking, money market, and brokerage accounts.

The following documents must be originals (no electronic copies):

- Deed/title, mortgage, rental/lease agreement for Wisconsin property (lease must include landlord's name and phone number)
- Current valid homeowner's, renter's, or motor vehicle insurance policy dated within one year of application
- Government-issued correspondence or product issued from a federal, state, county, or city agency (original or certified copy issued within the last year). Not acceptable are the Quest and Forward card
- Valid Wisconsin hunting or fishing license
- Department of Corrections documentation: Letters from probation/parole agents on letterhead issued within the last 90 days
- Certified school record or transcript identifying the person by name and current address and issued within the last 90 days (and for most recent school period)
- College enrollment documentation: A photo identification card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university, college or technical college that contains the following:
 - Date of issuance

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- Photo and address of student
- Expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance [Note, if it also has student's signature, that qualifies as an acceptable voter ID.]
- Employee photo ID card issued by current employer
- Homeless shelter documentation
- Wisconsin driver license or ID card (can be expired) with current Wisconsin residence address.

Parent or guardian may present their Wisconsin driver license or ID. Address on record must match with the child's current address on record for people under age 26.

The information provided on this form is used to communicate with state and federal partners to verify unavailable documentation. Once verification is received, the ID card will be processed and mailed to the applicant's address.

The DMV will attempt to process applications in less than seven business days, but completion time may be longer depending upon the responsiveness of the entities being contacted for verification. If you have questions regarding this process or your status, please feel free to contact the Wisconsin DMV at (608) 266-1069.

If verification is not received, the applicant will be contacted regarding what additional information may be required to complete an alternate method of verification in cooperation with the DMV.

DMV does not have information regarding voter eligibility, poll locations, voter registration information, or other election information. Please contact your local election officials or county clerk for election information. The Government Accountability Board (<http://www.gab.wi.gov/voters>) is another useful source of information.

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