

To qualify for a Free WI State ID from the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

You must:

Be at least 18 years of age on the date of the next election

Be eligible to vote in Wisconsin

Not currently have a valid and unexpired WI Driver License

Not have a WI State ID that is not eligible for renewal

Valid out-of-state driver licenses must be surrendered to obtain a WI State ID

Ask for the WI State ID to be free for the purpose of voting and check the appropriate box on the form.

You must:

Provide your social security number

Present required documentation that proves your name, date of birth, and citizenship, such as certified birth certificate, Certificate of Naturalization, Certificate of Citizenship, or U.S. passport (see full list at www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/drivers/apply/idcard.htm)

Show proof of identity, such as a social security card or marriage license (copy)

Show proof of Wisconsin residency (see list under Registering to Vote).

Applying for a Birth Certificate

You may apply for a certified copy of your WI birth certificate through your county register of deeds. Check the government section of the phone book or county website for instructions.

A certified copy of a WI birth certificate may also be applied for in person, by mail, or by fax from the WI Office of Vital Records in Madison. If you apply by mail, you may download an application at <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/vitalrecords/birth.htm>. Mail the completed application with a check or money order to the address on the application. Identification is required when applying to WI State Vital Records by mail or fax. Allow at least one month to receive the certificate. Check the above website for instructions and costs or call 608-266-1373.

You may apply in person at 1 W. Wilson St., Room 158, in Madison. You must have identification. See the website above for exact identification needed.

If you were born outside of Wisconsin, you need to contact the appropriate agency in the state or county where you were born. Visit <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm>. There will be a cost and it could take months.

START EARLY

Absentee Ballot Voting: If you are a registered voter, you may vote by absentee ballot. In-person absentee voting at your municipal

clerk's office begins the 3rd Monday before the election and ends at 5 p.m. or close of business on the Friday before the election. **With some exceptions, acceptable Photo IDs will be required for in-person and mail-in absentee ballots.** Contact your municipal clerk or the Government Accountability Board (GAB) for more information.

Provisional Voting

If you are given a provisional ballot by the poll worker, you must provide your municipal clerk's office with required documentation no later than 4:00 pm on the Friday after the election **or your ballot will not be counted.** Contact the municipal clerk or the GAB for assistance.

Sources

WI Government Accountability Board (GAB)

<http://gab.wi.gov>
(608-266-8005)

League of Women Voters of Wisconsin

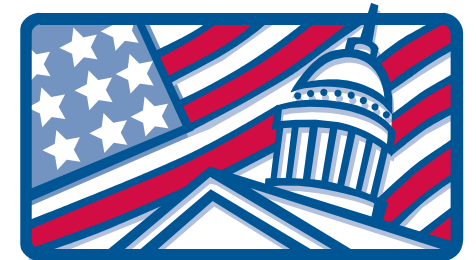
<http://lwvwi.org> (608-256-0827).

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VOTING IN WISCONSIN



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Wisconsin Regulations

Voter Eligibility

To vote in the state of Wisconsin, you must be:

- ~ A citizen of the United States
- ~ 18 years or older
- ~ A resident of Wisconsin

You cannot vote

~ If convicted of a felony, you may not vote until the sentence, including probation, parole or extended supervision, has been served.

~ If declared incompetent to vote by a court

To vote, you must be registered and you must have an acceptable Photo ID

Registering to Vote

To register you must have lived in your district at least 28 days before the election. If you have moved within the state during the last 28 days before an election, you must vote in your former district, either in person or by absentee ballot. You do not need to prove that you have lived at your current address for 28 days prior to an election; however, you must sign the form stating that you do meet the requirement. You may be registered to vote in only one place at a time. You **MUST** provide the last address where you were previously registered. Your signature on the form testifies to its truth; you may not falsify under penalty of law.

A WI driver license number or WI State ID number is required IF one has been issued. If the WI driver license is revoked, suspended, or expired, provide the number and the last 4 digits of your Social Security number (SSN). If you don't have a WI driver license or WI State ID, provide the last 4 digits of your SSN. Fill in the circle if you have none of the above.

During "Open" Registration (20 days or more prior to the election): You may register with a Special Registration Deputy (SRD) designated by the municipality in which you reside or at other designated sites chosen by the municipality, such as a high school or library, or at the municipal (city, town, or village) clerk's office. Proof of residency is not required.

Registration less than 20 Days Prior to an Election. You may register at your municipal clerk's office by 5:00 pm on the Friday before an election, **OR** at your polling place on election day. **You must provide acceptable proof of residence that includes full name and current street address.**

- A current and valid WI driver license or WI State ID
- Any other official ID card or license issued by a WI governmental body or unit
- An employee ID card with a photo, but not a business card
- A property tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding the date of election
- A residential lease if registering in person
- A photo ID from a university, college, or technical college coupled with a fee receipt dated within the last 9 months
- A photo ID from a university, college or technical college coupled with an on-campus housing listing provided to the municipality by the university, college or technical college.
- A utility bill for the period that begins not earlier than 90 days before the day registration is made.

- A bank statement
- A pay stub
- A check or other document issued by a unit of government

By Internet: You may download a form (GAB-131) from the WI Government Accountability Board's web site (gab.wi.gov) or complete a "fillable" form online, print and sign it, and mail or take it to your municipal clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 20th day before the election.

By mail: You may call or write your municipal clerk and ask for a voter registration form to be sent to you. Your completed form should be received at the clerk's office no later than 5:00 pm on the 20th day before the election.

At your polling place on election day: You may register at your polling place on election day and then vote. Proof of residency and acceptable photo ID are required.

If you change your name: Reregister to vote after you change your name and receive your new acceptable photo ID or receipt, if applicable. (If your Voter ID contains your former and new last names, it conforms and is acceptable; e.g., Smith-Jones.)

Voting

Polls are open from 7 am to 8 pm. Find your polling place at Voter Public Access (vpa.wi.gov) or call your municipal clerk's office. Sample ballots are available at your

clerk's office and at the polling place. By law, polling places must be accessible to all. Also, you have a right to have help with voting. A poll worker or a person other than your employer or labor union agent can assist you. Unless disabled, you must sign the poll list in order to vote.

Photo ID

You must present an acceptable photo ID in order to vote. There are a few exceptions. It is not necessary for the ID to have your current address. The ID is to prove your identity.

Acceptable Voter IDs for Election Day or Absentee Ballots:

- A Wisconsin DOT issued driver license *
- A Wisconsin DOT issued State ID *
- A U.S. uniformed service ID *
- A U.S. passport *
- * Identification above must be unexpired, or if expired, have expired after the date of the most recent general election (i.e.: Nov. 2, 2010.)
- A Certificate of Naturalization that was issued not earlier than 2 years before the date of an election at which it is presented
- An unexpired driver license receipt issued by WI DOT
- An unexpired WI State ID receipt issued by WI DOT
- An ID issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin
- An unexpired ID issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college that contains the following: Date of Issuance, name, photo and signature of student, and expiration date not later than 2 years after Date of Issuance.