



Wisconsin Photo ID to Vote: Voting Information for Senior Voters (Voters over 65)

How to Cast an Absentee Ballot

You must include a copy of your acceptable photo ID (a list of acceptable photo IDs to vote in Wisconsin can be found at bringit.wi.gov) to vote when you send in your signed absentee ballot request, unless you qualify for one of these two exemptions:

If you are indefinitely confined, you DO NOT have to provide a copy of a photo ID, instead you may:

- Indicate on your absentee ballot application form that you are indefinitely confined (meaning you may have difficulty getting to the polls due to age, illness, infirmity or disability)
- Sign your absentee ballot envelope, and then have your absentee witness verify your identity by also signing your absentee ballot envelope before you return it.

If you live in a nursing home or senior residential facility and do not have an acceptable photo ID:

- If your nursing home/facility is visited by Special Voting Deputies (SVDs), you may instead have these two SVDs verify your identity by signing your absentee ballot envelope as witnesses.
- If your facility is not visited by Special Voting Deputies you may ask an authorized representative of the facility to sign the absentee ballot envelope to verify your identity.

Examples of Photo IDs acceptable for voting in WI:

- Wisconsin Driver License
- Wisconsin State ID Card
- US Passport
- Tribal ID Card
- Veteran ID Card
- US Military ID Card
- Certificate of Naturalization
- WI State ID Card (non-expiring ID for seniors over 65)

(A complete list of acceptable photo IDs to vote in Wisconsin can be found at bringit.wi.gov along with eligibility requirements such as expiration dates of each ID.)

How to get a free photo ID to vote from the WI DMV:

- Go to your local Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) service center. (Find the location of your local DMV at: wisconsin.gov/Pages/online-srvcs/find-dmv/default.aspx.)
- Bring your Social Security number (doesn't have to be your SS Card) and original documents that prove your name and date of birth; your identity; U.S. Citizenship; and Wisconsin residency (see lists below).
- Fill out a "Wisconsin Identification Card" application.

Documents needed to get a free photo ID to vote from the DMV:

Bring **one from each** of the following four categories (originals, no photo copies).

Documents in **bold** can be used as proof in more than one category (e.g., Birth Certificate). (Note: the lists below contain examples of the *most common documents* – for more information or a complete list of acceptable documents, visit: bringit.wi.gov/how-do-i-get-free-state-id-card or call 1-866-VOTE-WIS, 1-866-868-3947; Mon-Fri, 7:45AM to 4:30PM.)

1) Name and Date of Birth:

Birth Certificate (certified)

Certificate of Citizenship

Court Order (Adoption, Divorce, Name or Gender Change)

Certificate of Naturalization

2) Proof of U.S. Citizenship:

U.S. Birth Certificate (certified)

Certificate of Citizenship

Certificate of Naturalization

3) Proof of Identity:

Marriage or Divorce Certificate

Social Security Card

Driver's License (Other U.S. State)

State ID Card (Other U.S. State)

U.S. Gov & Military Dependent Card

Any U.S. Gov-issued non-photo ID Card

(e.g., Medicare Card, Food Stamp Card)

4) Wisconsin Residency (must show name and address):

Utility Bill (e.g., Cable, Phone)*

Bank/Financial Institution Statement*

Pay Stub*

Insurance Policy dated within last year

Gov Issued Correspondence issued within the last year

Mortgage Documents for WI Property

*Issued within the last 90 days

If you don't have the required documents to prove U.S. Citizenship, name and date of birth, and/or legal name change, **you can still get a free ID, but you must:** Be a U.S. Citizen, indicate that the ID card is required free of charge for the purposes of voting; and fill out a short form claiming that documents required to prove U.S. Citizenship, name and date of birth and/or legal name change are unavailable and require a fee to a government agency to obtain.

Need more information: Visit bringit.wi.gov or call the Wisconsin Elections Commission, 1-866-VOTE-WIS (1-866-868-3947). Or you can get answers to your questions from the Voter Helpline, call or text, 608-285-2141.

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