

## Acceptable Photo IDs

### Information Provided by the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

#### What do voters need to know about Photo ID in Wisconsin?

**You probably already have a Photo ID for voting!**

**While there is not a separate “Voter ID” card there are many other forms of Photo ID, which you may already have, that can be used to vote. If you already have a Wisconsin driver license, you do not need (and cannot get), a WI state ID card simply in order to vote.** Anyone with a valid Wisconsin driver license or Wisconsin state ID card, or any of the documents listed below, already has the photo ID they need for voting purposes.

#### What can I use as Photo ID to vote?

**You can use these IDs to vote:**

**The following photo IDs are acceptable for voting purposes, and can be unexpired or expired after the date of the most recent general election (currently, the November 6, 2012 election):**

- A Wisconsin DOT-issued driver 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 book or card

**The following photo IDs are also 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 driver license receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days)
- An identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days)
- An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin
- A photo identification card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college that contains the following:
  - Date of Issuance
  - Signature of Student
  - Expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance
  - The university or college ID must be accompanied by a separate document that proves enrollment

#### What needs to be on my Photo ID?

**The following things must be included on any of the Photo IDs listed above:**

- **Elector’s Photograph**  
*The photograph must reasonably resemble the elector.*
- **Elector’s Name**  
*The elector’s name must conform to the name on their voter registration. Conform does not mean that the name must be identical to the name on the voter registration.*
- **An Expiration Date** within the deadlines described above

An Acceptable Photo ID **does not** have to include a current address.

For detailed information about the Voter Photo ID law, visit [bringit.wi.gov](http://bringit.wi.gov).  
For other information on the Government Accountability Board, visit <http://gab.wi.gov>  
or call the G.A.B. Help Desk at 608-261-2028.

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#### Are there any Photo IDs I cannot use to vote?

**You can NOT use these IDs to vote:**

The following photo IDs are **NOT** acceptable for voting purposes:

- Military Veteran Affairs IDs
- State or Federal government employee IDs
- An out-of-state driver license or identification card
- Employment IDs
- Membership or Organization IDs
- Certificates of Citizenship

#### Are there any Photo IDs that can be used for voting that do NOT have a photo on them?

**These IDs without photos may be used for voting:**

Yes. The following documents, which do not contain a photo, can be used for voting purposes :

- **A citation or notice of intent to revoke or suspend a driver license**, which is dated within 60 days of the date of the election. If your driver license has been taken away by law enforcement or a court, you may present written documentation of that fact in order to vote without your photo ID.
- **A Wisconsin DOT Temporary Driving or Identification Receipt**, issued when the DMV is experiencing equipment and printing difficulties, valid for 60 days from issuance.
- **A Wisconsin DOT driver license or identification card without a photo**, issued to those electors with a religious objection to being photographed.

#### Is there anyone who does not need to show Photo ID?

**These electors do NOT need to show Photo ID:**

Yes. The following electors do NOT need to show a Photo ID:

- **Confidential electors are always exempt from Photo ID requirements.** Confidential electors have applied for this status with their municipal clerk, and have presented a court order, a letter from law enforcement, a letter from the staff of a domestic abuse shelter, or the staff of an agency assisting victims of domestic abuse.
- **Military and Overseas voters are not required to present Photo ID when they vote by absentee ballot**, but if they vote in-person, they must present Photo ID.
- **Indefinitely confined voters and voters in special care facilities** can provide a witness signature on their absentee ballot certificate envelope in substitute for showing Photo ID.

## Election Day Voting

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### What should I expect at the polls on Election Day?

**These are the steps you should follow at the polls to ensure a smooth voting experience:**

- 1) Remember to bring acceptable photo ID to the polling place. You should also bring along proof of residence, in case you need to register at the polls.
- 2) Voters should have their photo ID ready when they enter the polling place.
- 3) Check with the greeter, if your polling place has one. Greeters will usually be able to verify if you are already registered or need to fill out a new registration. If the polling place covers multiple wards, the greeter will be able to direct voters to the correct line.
- 4) Fill out a new registration form if you are a new Wisconsin voter or if you have changed your name or address since you last voted. You will have to provide proof of residence when registering. You do not have to show your photo ID when registering, but you will have to show photo ID before being issued a ballot.
- 5) Poll workers will ask you to state your name and address. This is not a new requirement of the voter photo ID law. It has always been a requirement.
- 6) Poll workers will ask you to show your photo ID.
  - The photo ID must be one of the acceptable documents specified by law.*
  - The photo ID must be current. For WI driver licenses and WI state ID cards, military IDs, and passports, they can be expired, if they expired since the last November general election – no more than two years ago (currently November 6, 2012).*
  - A voter's photo ID must reasonably resemble the voter.*
  - The voter's photo ID must have the voter's name on it.*
- 7) The name on the photo ID must conform to the voter's name on the poll list. An exact match is not necessary. For example, Bob conforms to Robert, Sue conforms to Susan, and Smith-Jones conforms to Smith if the voter has recently been married.
- 8) Poll workers will ask you to sign the poll list. If you are unable to sign because of a physical disability, you are exempt from this requirement. You should inform a poll worker that you are unable to sign.
- 9) Poll workers write the Election Day voter number in the poll list, and issue the voter a ballot.
- 10) If you do not have a photo ID, you are allowed to vote by provisional ballot. You can bring your photo ID to the polling place by 8:00 p.m. You may also present your photo ID to the municipal clerk in person by 4 p.m. the Friday after the Election. If you provide photo ID by the deadline, the ballot will count. If you do not provide photo ID by the deadline, your ballot will not count.

**Please be understanding and kind to the poll workers!**

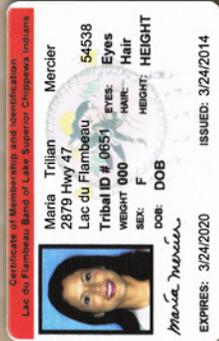
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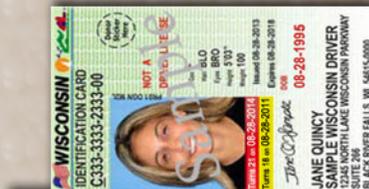
TRIBAL ID



CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION



WI STATE ID



WI DRIVER LICENSE



WI DRIVER OR STATE ID RECEIPT



US PASSPORT BOOK & CARD



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