

# BRING IT TO THE BALLOT

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## Wisconsin Now Requires a Photo ID to Vote

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### There is not a separate “Voter ID” card.

There are many forms of Photo ID, which you may already have, that can be used 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. 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 4, 2014 election):

- o A Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended
- o A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card
- o Military ID card issued by the U.S. Uniformed Services
- o A U.S. passport book or card

The following photo IDs are also acceptable for voting purposes:

- o A certificate of naturalization (that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of the election)
- o An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin
- o A driver license receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days from date issued)
- o An identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days from date issued)
- o A photo identification card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college, or technical college that contains the following: Date the card was issued, signature of the 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, such as a tuition fee receipt, enrollment verification letter, or class schedule

**An acceptable Photo ID for voting does not have to include a current address.**

**Wisconsin ID cards used for voting are FREE.**

If you 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 or apply on line with the DMV. A Document Verification Petition Process 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:

1. Applicant is unable to provide documents for proof of name and date of birth, but which require a fee to a government agency to obtain. This includes documentation needed for proof of legal name change.
2. Applicant is unable to provide documents for proof of US citizenship, but which require a fee to a government agency to obtain.

A free ID card is NOT available under the following circumstances:

1. If you currently have a valid unexpired driver license, you are not eligible under Wisconsin law to obtain an ID.
2. If you will not be at least 18 years of age on the date of the next election.
3. If you are not eligible to vote in Wisconsin.

**There are exceptions to the new law.** Most Wisconsin voters will need to show an acceptable photo ID to vote. It's the new law. But for some absentee voters and those with a sincere religious belief against being photographed, there are exceptions that may mean you don't need a photo ID.

For absentee voters the rules are simple:

1. If you're in the military, live permanently overseas or are classified as a confidential elector, you don't need a photo ID to cast your absentee ballot.
2. There are also accommodations in the law for absentee voters who cannot make it to a polling place because they are indefinitely confined, or live in a nursing home or care facility. These voters do not need to show their photo ID, but other rules do apply.

Religious exceptions:

If you wish to obtain an ID for voting purposes, but have spiritual beliefs which prevent you from being photographed, you can receive a State ID card without a photo at any Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) office.

### **What to Expect at the Polling Place:**

Now that people are bringing their IDs to the ballot, voting at your polling place will be a little different. Just remember to be patient; not everyone will be as prepared for these changes as you are.

### **STATE IT**

As always, you'll need to state your full name and address for the election official who checks you in.

### **SHOW IT**

Next, it's time to show your photo ID. That way, poll workers can compare your face to your photo and confirm that you really are you. The address on your ID doesn't have to be current. And the name on your ID doesn't need to be an exact match for your name in the poll book.

### **SIGN IT**

Finally, you'll sign the poll book (unless a physical disability prevents it) Your signature or mark should go right next to your name and address.

# **Now you're ready to vote!**

To learn more about the Wisconsin Voter Photo ID Law, visit:

**[bringit.wisconsin.gov](http://bringit.wisconsin.gov)**

For other information on Wisconsin Elections and Voting in Wisconsin,  
go to:

**<http://gab.wi.gov>**

**1.866.VOTE.GOV or 608-261-2028**