

## 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.

## Absentee Voting

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### Do I need to provide Photo ID when voting absentee?

#### Groups that MUST provide Photo ID with their absentee applications:

- **In-person voters in the clerk's office** must show their Photo ID to the clerk or staff. The staff member will record on the absentee certificate envelope that the voter provided Photo ID.
- **Regular absentee voters requesting a ballot be sent to them by mail** must provide a copy of their Photo ID with their absentee ballot request. Once Photo ID is provided, the voter no longer has to provide Photo ID with any absentee ballots, until they re-register (their name or address changes).
- **Regular absentee voters requesting a ballot by email or fax** must provide a copy of their Photo ID with their absentee ballot request. Once Photo ID is provided, the voter no longer has to provide Photo ID with any absentee ballots, until they re-register (their name or address changes).
- Voters may request absentee ballots by fax or e-mail but **clerks are no longer able to transmit ballots to regular voters by fax or e-mail.**
- **Electors that have moved within Wisconsin less than 28 days before the election** must vote from their previous address. They may vote at the polling place for their previous address, or by absentee ballot in the municipality of their previous address.
- **Presidential-only electors, hospitalized electors, and sequestered jurors** have special absentee voting requirements. They will need to show a Photo ID, but should also contact their municipal clerk for assistance.

**These absentee voters MUST provide Photo ID:**

### What if I don't submit ID with my absentee application?

- Voters who are required to submit Photo ID with their absentee application, and do not, will not be sent an absentee ballot.
- Voters who have alternatives to providing a copy of the Photo ID will be sent a ballot, but must either return a copy of Photo ID with their ballot or meet any alternative requirements. Failure to do so may result in the ballot being rejected or treated as a provisional ballot. Provisional voters have until 4:00 p.m. on the Friday after the election to submit the required Photo ID to their municipal clerk. If the Photo ID is received by the deadline, their ballot will be counted. If Photo ID is not received by the deadline, the ballot will not count. Voters can check the status of their provisional ballots by contacting their municipal clerk, or checking the Voter Public Access website at <http://myvote.wi.gov>.

**If you do not submit Photo ID, you need to:**

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