

## OWN YOUR VOTE *in 2 EASY STEPS*

### STEP ONE: *Get registered*

#### How, when, and where can I register to vote?

There are several ways you can register to vote, including:

- **With a Special Registration Deputy (SRD).** A Special Registration Deputy is a Wisconsin resident who has been trained and appointed to register voters in a municipality during open voter registration. Registration by an SRD must be done during open registration, which ends 20 days before an election. Contact us to request an SRD to help you register to vote. [Get in touch with an SRD near you.](#)
- **At a municipal clerk's office.** You can register until the Friday before the election. [Find a clerk in your area.](#) You will need to provide proof of residence if you register in the clerk's office during the "closed registration" period (20 days prior to the election).
- **By mail, up to 20 days before the election.** Forms are available at the Election Assistance Commission website at [eac.gov/NVRA](http://eac.gov/NVRA). If you are a first-time voter in Wisconsin and are registering by mail, you will need to show proof of residence.
- **On Election Day, at your polling place.** If you choose same-day registration on Election Day, you will need to show proof of residence to register and a photo ID to vote. [Acceptable proof of residency documents are listed here.](#) NOTE: Corroboration by another voter is no longer allowed.

### STEP TWO: *Bring your photo ID*

You need an accepted form of photo ID to vote in Wisconsin. Be prepared to vote—check to see if you have a photo ID you can use to vote.

#### Your photo ID must include:

- Your name
- A photo of yourself
- An expiration date
  - Wisconsin Driver's licenses and ID cards, military ID cards, and U.S. passports must be unexpired or have expired after November 2nd, 2010 (the date of the last general election).
  - Certificates of Naturalization must be issued less than two years prior to Election Day.
  - Driving receipts, ID receipts, tribal IDs, and student IDs must be unexpired.
- Your ID card is not required to have a printed address. If your ID does show an address, it does not need to be your current residence

**Forms of ID that meet these requirements may include:**

- Wisconsin driver’s license, issued by the Department of Transportation (DOT)
- Wisconsin ID cards, issued by the DOT
- U.S. passport
- Military ID
- Tribal ID
- Student ID from a Wisconsin college or university
- Driving receipt and state ID receipt (both issued by the DOT)

If you don’t have an accepted form of ID from the list above, or if your photo ID does not meet the requirements, you will need to get a voter ID at you local Department of Motor Vehicles. [Click here to find your closest DMV.](#)

**Here’s how to get a photo ID to vote:**

Before going to the DMV, you’ll need one document from each of the columns, to fit the four requirements. Use the table below to figure out what you need to bring with you to the DMV. Some documents may help meet multiple requirements—like a birth certificate or Wisconsin driver’s license.

**Be sure to bring the originals of these documents—photocopies won’t be accepted.**

NAME & DATE OF BIRTH	LEGAL PRESENCE	IDENTITY	WI PROOF OF RESIDENCY
U.S. Birth Certificate	U.S. Birth Certificate	Driver’s License	Utility Bill
Certificate of Citizenship	Certificate of Citizenship	TSA Worker ID	Pay Stub
Certificate of Naturalization	Certificate of Naturalization	State Id (Other U.S.)	Cell Phone Bill
Driver’s License	Foreign Passport (Valid)—May Need Additional Documents	Social Security Card	School Transcript (Certified)
Foreign Passport		Marriage Certificate	Community-Based Assisted Living Residential Contracts
TSA Worker ID	TSA Worker ID	Divorce Certificate	Hunting/Fishing License
Certain Court Orders (Please Verify Before Using)		U.S. Government & Military Dependent Card	Bank Statement
Armed Forces ID Card		Military Discharge Papers	College Enrollment
Arrival/Departure Record		Under 18: Legal Guardian’s Wisconsin ID Card	Mortgage Document
Native American ID of Recognized Wisconsin Tribe			Department of Corrections Document
			Employee Photo ID
			Insurance Policy
			Certified School Record
			Government-Issued Correspondence
			Photo ID from a WI College or University

### ***What happens when I get to the DMV?***

- **Ask** to fill out the Wisconsin Driver License (DL)/Identification Card (ID) application.  
[www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/forms/mv3004.pdf](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/forms/mv3004.pdf)
- **Check the box** that indicates you are applying for an “Identification Card” rather than a “Driver’s License.”
- Make sure to **check the box** that says “ID for Free” on your application.

Once you have completed the form, you’ll get a receipt that is valid for 45 days. You can use that receipt at the polls until your state ID arrives by mail.

While a birth certificate is not required to vote, you can use a birth certificate to help get a photo ID.

#### **If you don’t have a copy of your birth certificate, here’s how to get one:**

If you were born in Wisconsin, there are several ways you can apply for a copy of your birth certificate. Contact your county Register of Deeds or the Wisconsin Vital Records Office to apply in person.

To apply by mail or fax, fill out the application form at [OFA.BO/Y6nC94](#). There is a \$20 fee. Note that you will need to present qualifying ID showing your current name and address (or mail or fax a copy of the qualifying ID along with your application). Page 2 of the application form contains information on accepted forms of ID.

If you weren’t born in Wisconsin, contact the appropriate agency in the state where you were born.