U.S. CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION AS PHOTO ID FOR VOTING

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WHAT DOES A U.S. CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION LOOK LIKE?

The look of a U.S. Certificate of Naturalization can vary depending on when it was issued, here is a photo of one of the more common certificates:

[Image of a U.S. Certificate of Naturalization]

CAN I USE A U.S. CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION TO VOTE IN WISCONSIN?

Yes! A U.S. Certificate of Naturalization can be used to vote in Wisconsin. You must show your original certificate if you are voting in-person.

CAN MY U.S. CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION BE EXPIRED WHEN VOTING?

The U.S. Certificate of Naturalization can be used to vote if it was issued no more than two years prior to the election. If your Certificate of Naturalization was issued more than two years before the election you will need to provide another form of photo ID for voting purposes.

DOES MY U.S. CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION NEED TO HAVE MY CURRENT ADDRESS ON IT?

No. Your U.S. Certificate of Naturalization does NOT need to have a current address on it. When you present your photo ID to receive a ballot in the next election, the poll workers will not be looking at the address. However, if you still need to register to vote at your address, you will need to present a document called proof of residence that proves where you live, this could be your U.S. Certificate of Naturalization or it could be another document like a utility bill.

WHAT WILL THE ELECTION WORKER BE LOOKING FOR ON MY U.S. CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION?

The election worker will be looking for three things on your U.S. Certificate of Naturalization:

1) **Your Photo.** Election workers know looks can change, but please make sure that if your appearance has significantly changed that your photo still reasonably resembles you.
2) **Your Name.** Poll workers will be looking to see that your name matches what is on the poll book. It doesn’t need to be an exact match. For example, if your certificate says “Robert” but your voter registration says “Bob,” that’s ok!
3) **An Expiration Date.** They will be checking to see that your U.S. Certificate of Naturalization was issued no more than two years before the date of the election.

Find more information on the Photo ID law at [www.BringIt.wi.gov](http://www.BringIt.wi.gov)
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