

# -PROOF OF RESIDENCE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION-

*Information provided by the Wisconsin Elections Commission*

## WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PROOF OF RESIDENCE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION?

- Proof of Residence and photo ID are two separate processes. A Proof of Residence document is a document that proves where you live in Wisconsin and is only used when registering to vote.
- Photo ID is separate, you only show photo ID to prove who you are when you request an absentee ballot or a ballot at your polling place.

## WHEN DO I HAVE TO PROVIDE PROOF OF RESIDENCE?

All voters **MUST** provide a Proof of Residence Document when registering. If you register to vote by mail, in-person in your clerk's office, or at your polling place on Election Day, you need to provide a Proof of Residence document. If you register online at <http://myvote.wi.gov>, your valid State of Wisconsin driver license or State of Wisconsin ID card issued by the Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) qualifies as a valid Proof of Residence document.

\*If you are an active military voter, or a permanent overseas voter (with no intent to return to the U.S.) you do not need to provide a Proof of Residence document.

## WHAT DOCUMENTS CAN I USE AS PROOF OF RESIDENCE FOR REGISTERING?

**All Proof of Residence documents must include the voter's name and current residential address.**

- A current and valid State of Wisconsin Driver License or State ID card.
- Any other official identification card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body or unit.
- Any identification card issued by an employer in the normal course of business and bearing a photo of the card holder, but not including a business card.
- A real estate tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding the date of the election.
- A university, college, or technical college identification card (must include photo) **ONLY** if the voter provides a fee receipt dated within the last 9 months or the institution provides a certified housing list to the municipal clerk.
- A gas, electric, or telephone service statement (utility bill) for the period commencing no earlier than 90 days before Election Day.
- Bank or credit card statement.
- Paycheck or paystub.
- A check or other document issued by a unit of government.
- A letter on public or private social service agency letterhead identifying a homeless voter and describing the individual's residence for voting purposes.
- Residential lease that is effective on date of registration. (Not valid if registering by mail.)
- An intake document from a residential care facility such as a nursing home or assisted living facility.

**This is not a comprehensive list, but categories of the most common types used by voters.**

## WILL MY WI DRIVER LICENSE OR WI STATE ID CARD WORK AS PROOF OF RESIDENCE?

Only a current and valid (unexpired but can be suspended or revoked) Wisconsin driver license or Wisconsin state ID card with the voter's current name and address qualifies as **Proof of Residence**.

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

Register to vote or check your registration status at: [www.MyVote.wi.gov](http://www.MyVote.wi.gov)

Contact the Wisconsin Elections Commission at 1-866-Vote-Wis or at [elections@wi.gov](mailto:elections@wi.gov)

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## **HOW DO I PRESENT MY PROOF OF RESIDENCE DOCUMENT?**

You may present your Proof of Residence document as a hard copy, paper document or an electronic document on your smartphone, tablet, or computer. An internet connection will not be provided for your use.

## **WHAT ARE EXAMPLES OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WHO CAN ISSUE A PROOF OF RESIDENCE DOCUMENT?**

**THIS IS NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LIST. THESE ARE ONLY EXAMPLES OF UNITS OF GOVERNMENT.**

Government agencies can include local, state, or federal units of government.

- Local units of government include: public school district, city, town or village clerk or treasurer's office, your county clerk or treasurer, and many others
- State units of government include: Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV or DOT), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Department of Workforce Development (DWD), Department of Human Services (DHS), and many others
- Federal units of government include: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Medicare (not second party vendors), Social Security, and many others

## **WHAT ARE EXAMPLES OF PROOF OF RESIDENCE DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY A GOVERNMENT AGENCY?**

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- Fishing and hunting licenses
- Vehicle registrations
- Food stamps, Wisconsin Works, Wisconsin Shares, and BadgerCare notices and correspondence
- Medicare notices and Medicare Explanation of Benefits (not from 2<sup>nd</sup> party providers or other health insurance providers)
- Social Security and SSI notices and benefits statements
- Public high school, technical college, and public university correspondence and documents, including: admissions correspondence, financial aid notices, report cards, and schedules
- Federal student loan correspondence and notices
- Billing statements and collection notices from a governmental entity
- Correspondence from a federally recognized Native American Tribe living in Wisconsin

## **WHAT IF I AM UNSURE IF MY DOCUMENT WILL COUNT AS PROOF OF RESIDENCE?**

**If you are unsure if your document will qualify as acceptable Proof of Residence, please contact:**

- Your municipal clerk, contact information can be found at <http://myvote.wi.gov>
- The Wisconsin Elections Commission: 1-866-VOTE-WIS or [elections@wi.gov](mailto:elections@wi.gov)