YOU’VE GOT THE RIGHT PHOTO ID. NOW WHAT?

HERE’S WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE POLLS.

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

First, you’ll need to state your full name and address for the election official who checks you in. They’ll check your information in the polling book.

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.

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.

IF YOU VOTE AT A POLLING PLACE IN WISCONSIN, YOU’RE GOING TO NEED THE RIGHT PHOTO ID.

OF COURSE, NOT EVERYONE VOTES THAT WAY.

Most Wisconsin voters will need to show an acceptable photo ID to vote—including absentee voters who vote at their municipal clerk’s office. Even most mail-in absentee voters will need to include a photocopy of their ID with their ballot application. It’s the new law. For some absentee voters who vote by mail there are some exceptions to the law that may mean you don’t need a photo ID.

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.

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. Contact your municipal clerk’s office or visit bringit.wisconsin.gov for more details.

BRING IT TO THE BALLOT

FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION ABOUT THE VOTER PHOTO ID LAW AND ITS REQUIREMENTS, VISIT BRINGIT.WISCONSIN.GOV 1.866.VOTE.WIS

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You probably already have the right photo ID. Let’s check to see if you’re ready to vote.

I’ve got an ID, but can I vote with it?

I want to vote, but I need the right ID.

You can get a Wisconsin state ID card for free. These are just a few of the documents you can take to your Division of Motor Vehicles.

You can even vote with a receipt issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles if your new driver license or state ID card doesn’t arrive in the mail by Election Day. 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. (So, Richards who go by Rich, Bobs who are also Roberts and Susans with IDs for Sue can all relax.)

Of course, there are certain requirements. To be accepted, your ID should look like you, even if you’ve colored your hair, shaved your beard or lost some weight and your ID must be current. But your WI driver license, or state ID, military ID, U.S. Passport can still be used if it has expired after the last General Election (November 8, 2016).

You’ll need one document from each category. These are just a few of the most common documents you can use. For the complete list visit wisconsindmv.gov or call (608) 264-7447.

Some records, like a certified birth certificate, satisfy more than one category. Just be sure to bring originals—photocopies don’t count—and check the box that says “ID for Free” on your application. Once it’s complete, you’ll get a receipt that is valid for 45 days, so can use it at the polls until your state ID arrives by mail.

If you do not have all the records you need, bring whatever records you have to the DMV. They will help to figure out what you are missing and can help to locate birth records, even if you were born in another state.

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