

Proof of Residence for Voter Registration

Information provided by the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

<p>What has changed in the law?</p>	<p>As of June 2011, Wisconsin law no longer allows “corroborating witnesses” to provide Proof of Residence. As of April, 2014, voters are required to provide a Proof of Residence and must provide one of the documents listed below.</p>
<p>When must Proof of Residence be provided?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ALL VOTERS MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF RESIDENCE*</p> <p>➤ All voters MUST provide a Proof of Residence Document. If you register to vote by mail, in-person in your clerk’s office, with a Special Registration Deputy, or at the polls on Election Day, you need to provide a Proof of Residence document.</p> <p>*If you are an active military voter, or a permanent overseas voter (with not intent to return to the U.S.) then you do not need to provide a Proof of Residence document.</p>
<p>What is acceptable Proof of Residence?</p>	<p>All Proof of Residence documents must include the voter’s name and current address.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A current and valid Wisconsin driver license or identification 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 statement. ➤ Paycheck. ➤ A check or other document issued by a unit of government. ➤ An affidavit 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 for first time in Wisconsin by mail.)
<p>Will my WI Driver License or WI ID card always count as Proof of Residence?</p>	<p>Only a <u>current and valid</u> (unexpired and not suspended or revoked) Wisconsin driver license or Wisconsin state ID card with the voter’s current name and address qualifies as Proof of Residence.</p>
<p>How do I present my document?</p>	<p>You may present your Proof of Residence document as a hard copy, paper document or as electronic document on your smartphone, tablet, or computer. An internet connection will not be provided for your use.</p>

Voter Information: <http://myvote.wi.gov>

For more information, please visit the Government Accountability Board website: <http://gab.wi.gov> or call 1-866-VOTE-WIS or contact the G.A.B. Help Desk at 608-261-2028 or TTY 1-800-947-3529.

List of Possible Proof of Residence Documents

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<p>What are examples of government agencies who can issue Proof of Residence documents?</p>	<p>THIS IS NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LIST. THESE ARE ONLY EXAMPLES OF UNITS OF GOVERNMENT.</p> <p>Government agencies can include local, state, or federal units of government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Local units of government include: 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, and many others. ➤ Federal units of government include: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Medicare (not second party vendors), Social Security, and many others.
<p>What are examples of Proof of Residence documents issues by a government agency?</p>	<p>THIS IS NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LIST. THESE ARE ONLY EXAMPLES OF PROOF OF RESIDENCE DOCUMENTS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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 2nd 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.
<p>What if I am unsure if my document will qualify?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ If you are unsure if your document will qualify as acceptable Proof of Residence, please call: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your municipal clerk, contact information can be found at http://myvote.wi.gov • The Government Accountability Board: 1-866-VOTE-WIS or gab@wi.gov
<p>REMEMBER: Acceptable Proof of Residence documents must always include the voter’s name and current address.</p>	

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