

## Photo ID

**These are acceptable for voting purposes, and can be unexpired or expired after the date of the most recent general election (currently, the November 8, 2016 election):**

- A Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended
- A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card
- Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service
- A U.S. passport
- These photo IDs are also acceptable for voting purposes, **but must be unexpired:**
- A certificate of naturalization that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of an election at which it is presented
- A driving receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days)
- An identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days)
- A photo identification card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college that contains date of issuance, signature of student, and an expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance. **Also, the university or college ID must be accompanied by a separate document that proves enrollment.**
- A citation or notice of intent to revoke or suspend a Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license that is dated within 60 days of the date of the election.

**These photo IDs are also acceptable for voting purposes whether they are expired or unexpired:**

- An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin.

### ***Important things to know:***

- There is no such thing as a “Wisconsin Voter ID Card.” The new Voter Photo ID Law uses existing photo IDs for people to prove their identity before voting.
- 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. Your ID should look like you. Even if you’ve colored your hair, shaved your beard or lost some weight, as long as your photo ID reasonably resembles you, it should be accepted.

### **Photo ID Exceptions**

Absentee voters and those with a sincere religious belief against being photographed may not need a photo ID.

The rules for absentee voters are pretty simple:

- 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.

## **Who are indefinitely confined voters?**

“Indefinitely confined” voters are persons who, because of age, physical illness, infirmity or disability, may have difficulty traveling to the polling place.

An indefinitely confined voter can reside in:

- Their own home
- Apartment
- Nursing Home
- Other Care Facility

When applying for an absentee ballot, the voter must indicate they are indefinitely confined. Indefinitely confined voters will receive absentee ballots automatically for all elections until they fail to return a ballot.

## **Do indefinitely confined voters have to provide a photo ID?**

An indefinitely confined voter does not need to provide a copy of photo ID. Instead, the witness' signature on the Absentee Ballot Certificate Envelope satisfies the photo ID requirement.

- A signature is still required from both the witness and the voter.
- The Absentee Ballot Certificate Envelope is the envelope in which you return your voted ballot to the municipal clerk.

If you have photo ID, you may choose to send a copy of it along with your absentee ballot request, but it is not required. If you choose to provide a copy of your photo ID, you won't have to supply one again unless you change your name or address.

If you choose to vote absentee in the clerk's office or at the polling place on Election Day, a photo ID will be required.

**Call 1-866-VOTE-WIS for Photo ID questions.**