

Proof of Residence for Voter Registration

Information provided by the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

What has changed in the law?	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.
When must Proof of Residence be provided?	<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>
What is acceptable Proof of Residence?	<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.)
Will my WI Driver License or WI ID card always count as Proof of Residence?	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 .
How do I present my document?	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.

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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