



# Proof Of Residence For Voter Registration

## What Do I Need To Know About Proof Of Residence For Voter Registration?

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 receive a ballot at your polling place.**

## When Do I Have To Provide Proof Of Residence?

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 Election Registration Official, or at your polling place on Election Day, you need to provide a 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, that indicates citizenship, 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/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.**

## Can My WI Driver License Or WI State ID Card Work As Proof Of Residence?

Yes. A current and valid (unexpired) Wisconsin driver license or Wisconsin state ID card with the voter's current name and address qualifies as **Proof of Residence.**



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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 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

## 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 <https://myvote.wi.gov>
- The Wisconsin Elections Commission: 1-866-VOTE-WIS or [elections@wi.gov](mailto:elections@wi.gov)