

# PROOF OF RESIDENCE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

Information provided by the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

## WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PROOF OF RESIDENCE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION?

**Proof of Residence proves where you live**

- A Proof of Residence document is a document that proves where you live in Wisconsin and is only used when registering.
- You only provide a Proof of Residence document when you are registering to vote.

## WHEN DO I HAVE TO PROVIDE PROOF OF RESIDENCE?

**All voter must 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 Special Registration Deputy, or at the polls 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?

**You can use these documents as Proof of Residence.**

**This is not a comprehensive list, but categories of the most common types used by voters.**

**All Proof of Residence documents must include the voter's name and current residential address.**

- A current and valid Wisconsin driver license or Wisconsin state 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 by mail.)

## WILL MY WI DRIVER LICENSE OR WI STATE ID CARD WORK AS PROOF OF RESIDENCE?

**You can use a WI Driver License/ID if:**

Only a current and valid (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**.

For detailed information about voting in Wisconsin, visit [bringit.wi.gov](http://bringit.wi.gov).  
For other information on the Government Accountability Board, visit <http://gab.wi.gov>  
or call the G.A.B. Help Desk at 608-261-2028.

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## HOW DO I PRESENT MY PROOF OF RESIDENCE DOCUMENT?

**Present paper or Electronic copies**

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?

**These are some units of government that can issue Proof of Residence:**

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Government agencies can include local, state, or federal units of government.

- 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 (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 DOCUMENT ISSUED BY A GOVERNMENT AGENCY?

**These are some documents issued by units of government that can be used as Proof of Residence:**

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 aren't sure about your documents, call:**

**If you are unsure if your document will qualify as acceptable Proof of Residence, please call:**

- 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](mailto:gab@wi.gov)

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