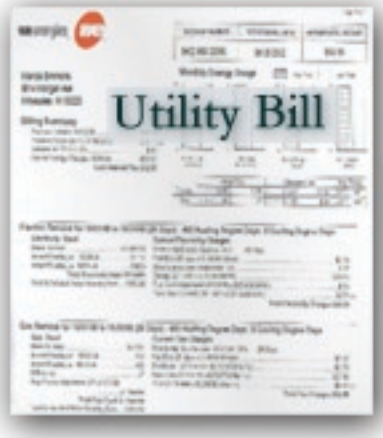
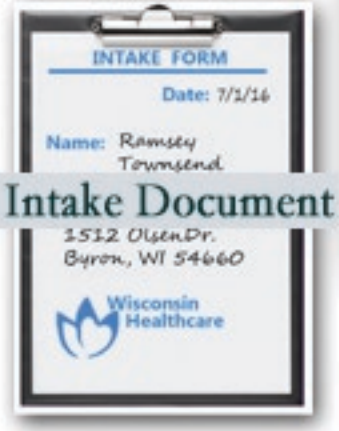
Acceptable Proof of Residence

Wisconsin Driver License or State ID





-PROOF OF RESIDENCE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION-

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

- Proof of Residence and photo ID are two separate processes. 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 a ballot at your polling place.

WHEN DO I HAVE TO PROVIDE PROOF OF RESIDENCE?

All voters MUST provide a Proof of Residence Document when registering. If you register to vote by mail, in-person in your clerk's office, or at your polling place on Election Day, you need to provide a Proof of Residence document. If you register online at http://myvote.wi.gov, your valid State of Wisconsin driver license or State of Wisconsin ID card issued by the Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) qualifies as a valid 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 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 or 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.

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

Only a current and valid (unexpired but can be suspended or revoked) Wisconsin driver license or Wisconsin state ID card with the voter's current name and address qualifies as **Proof of Residence**.

Find more information on the Photo ID law at www.BringIt.wi.gov
Register to vote or check your registration status at: www.MyVote.wi.gov
Contact the Wisconsin Elections Commission at 1-866-Vote-Wis or at elections@wi.gov

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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?

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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 http://myvote.wi.gov
- The Wisconsin Elections Commission: 1-866-VOTE-WIS or elections@wi.gov