How Do I Register to Vote?

Register by asking your municipal clerk for a voter registration form, printing one out at http://bit.ly/2a6OE97, or filling out a registration form at the polling place on Election Day. To register to vote, you must be: a U.S. citizen, 18 years old or older at the time of the next election, a resident of Wisconsin for at least 28 days before the election, not declared mentally incompetent by a court and not a convicted felon or, if convicted of a felony, you have completed your sentence including any parole, probation, or extended supervision.

If you do not have a street number or address, you can use the map on the registration form to show where you live, using landmarks, any county and state roads, directions, and distances. Be as specific as you can. Homeless voters can do the same.

You must show proof of residence which must include your current name and address. Any of the following are valid but this is not a complete list:

» A current and valid Wisconsin driver’s license or state ID card;
» Any other official ID card or license issued by any Wisconsin state government body;
» Any government document or check including benefits or official public university and technical college documents;
» Bank or credit union statement;
» Paycheck or paystub;

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» A gas, electric, water, landline or cell phone, Internet or cable utility bill for a period beginning no earlier than 90 days before Election Day;
» Any employer photo ID with a current address (but not a business card);
» A university, college, or technical college photo ID card ONLY if the voter provides a tuition fee receipt dated from the last 9 months or an enrollment verification letter;
» A real estate tax bill or receipt for the current or preceding year;
» An affidavit on public or private social service agency letterhead identifying a homeless voter and describing the individual’s residence for voting purposes; or
» Residential lease that is effective on date of registration. (Not valid if registering by mail.)
» You can check to make sure you are registered to vote at https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/

Find Your Polling Place

You can look up your correct polling place at: https://myvote.wi.gov/.

Problem at the polls? Call 866-OUR-VOTE or visit 866OURVOTE.org

Register to vote via mail by October 19 or register in-person by November 2 to vote in the General Election on November 8, 2016. If you miss the early registration deadlines, you can register at the polling place on Election Day.

Go to http://www.gab.wi.gov/voters for Voter Information.
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Both in-person and absentee Wisconsin voters MUST show one of the following types of photo ID at the polls or submit a copy with the absentee ballot request.

» Wisconsin driver’s license or ID card (must be current or expired after the last general election and can be suspended or revoked if you have it)
» Military or uniformed service ID card
» A Veterans Identification Card issued by the VA
» U.S. Passport (must be current or expired after the last general election)
» Certificate of naturalization issued within 2 years of the election
» Tribal ID card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin
» College, university or technical college student ID card with a signature, an issuance date, and an expiration date no later than 2 years after the issuance date.

Student ID must be presented with proof of current enrollment such as a tuition fee receipt or enrollment verification letter, as a paper copy or on a smartphone or tablet. For UW schools, proof of current enrollment can be obtained at http://bit.ly/29TVgto
» Unexpired receipt given after applying for Wisconsin driver’s license or ID card
» Ticket/citation from the last 60 days if you had to surrender your driver’s license.

If you do not have an accepted form of voter ID, a free voter ID card can be obtained from a DMV office. To get info on that process, please call 866-OUR-VOTE or visit bringit.wi.gov.

If you don’t have or forget to bring photo ID, say “Please give me a provisional ballot” and then bring photo ID back to the polling place by 8 p.m. on Election Day or the municipal clerk’s office by 4 p.m. on the Friday after Election Day.

If you registered to vote before the deadline but the poll worker tells you you’re not on the list, ask them to double-check and, if they still can’t find you, say: “Please give me a provisional ballot.”

You can have anyone assist you in casting your vote including a translator, except for your employer or labor union or any officer or agent of them.

» Milwaukee City is required to provide written and oral assistance in Spanish (http://bit.ly/29sC3NI)

Tips for Avoiding Problems

» Check your voter registration status and polling place at https://myvote.wi.gov/ as early as possible.
» Vote before Election Day, using early in-person or mail-in voting.
» If you vote on Election Day, the polls will be busiest before and after work hours.
» Bring your valid photo ID and, if you need to register, proof of residence.
» Ask for help if you need it.
» Take your time—it’s your vote!

Your photo ID does NOT need to have any address or a current address.

Early In Person: Early voting runs only on weekdays for two weeks before an election, ending the Friday before Election Day, this year from October 24 to November 4 general election. Contact your county clerk for locations and hours.

Language Assistance

You can vote before Election Day by mail or in person

By Mail: Any registered Wisconsin voter may vote by mail. Applications for mail-in ballots are available on the GAB’s website or can be mailed to you if you call your county clerk. These applications must be received by mail, email or fax by 5 p.m. five days before Election Day or completed at the municipal clerk’s office by 5 p.m. four days before Election Day. Completed mail-in ballots themselves must be returned by 8 p.m. on Election Day or postmarked by Election Day and received by the clerk no later than 4 p.m. on the Friday after the election.