

## What can I expect at the polling place?

Now that voters are bringing their IDs to the ballot, voting at your polling place will be a little different.

*\*\*Please be prepared & patient.*

### State It

As always, you'll need to state your full name and address for the election official who checks you in. They'll check your information in the poll book. Understandably, some people are uneasy about announcing their name in public, but it is the law, and it helps ensure openness in elections.

### Show It

Next, it's time to show your photo ID. That way, poll workers can compare your face to your photo and confirm that you really are you.

### Sign It

Finally, you'll sign the poll book (unless a physical disability prevents it). Your signature or mark should go right next to your name and address.

**Now you're ready to vote!**

**If you vote at a polling place in Wisconsin, you're going to need the right photo ID.**

**Of course, not everyone votes that way.**

Most Wisconsin voters will need to show an acceptable photo ID to vote—including absentee voters who vote at their municipal clerk's office. Even most mail-in absentee voters will need to include a photocopy of their ID with their ballot application. It's the new law. For some absentee voters who vote by mail, there are exceptions to the law that may mean you don't need a photo ID.

If you're in the military, live permanently overseas or are classified as a confidential elector, you don't need a photo ID to cast your absentee ballot.

There are also accommodations in the law for absentee voters who cannot make it to a polling place because they are indefinitely confined, or live in a nursing home or care facility. These voters do not need to show their photo ID, but other rules do apply.

For complete information about the Voter Photo ID Law and its requirements visit [bringit.wisconsin.gov](http://bringit.wisconsin.gov) or 1-866-vote-wis

# Wisconsin Voter Photo ID Law

**WISCONSIN NOW REQUIRES  
A PHOTO ID TO VOTE**

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# BRING IT — TO THE — BALLOT

## Do I have the right photo ID?

These are acceptable for voting purposes and can be unexpired or expired after the date of the most recent general election (currently, November 4, 2014):

- ✓ Wisconsin DOT-issued drivers license
- ✓ Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card
- ✓ Military ID card
- ✓ U.S. passport

These photo IDs are also acceptable for voting purposes but must be unexpired:

- ✓ Certificate of naturalization issued within the last two years.
- ✓ Unexpired Wisconsin driver license or identification card receipt.
- ✓ Photo ID issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college containing date of issuance, student signature and expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance, along with a separate document proving enrollment.

These photo IDs are also acceptable for voting purposes whether they are expired or unexpired:

- ✓ An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin.

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*The address on your ID doesn't have to be current. Election officials will only look at your ID type, name, picture and expiration date.*

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## What if I don't have a photo ID?

If you are eligible to vote but do not have a photo ID, you may obtain a free ID from the Department of Motor Vehicles. Apply for the ID as soon as possible. You will not receive it immediately; it will be sent to you in the mail.

**Department of Motor Vehicles**  
N7146 East Plaza Dr. or 810 West St.  
Beaver Dam, WI Watertown, WI  
(608) 264-7447 (608) 264-7447  
<http://wisconsindot.gov>

## Do I need a photo ID to absentee vote?

### Absentee Ballot Requests

Requests for ballots sent by mail or email must be accompanied by a photocopy of an acceptable form of voter ID. You will not need to do this with future requests, as long as you have not changed your name or address.

### In-person Absentee Voting

If you are casting an absentee ballot in the municipal clerk's office, you must present a photo ID, just as you would at the polls.

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*[www.bringit.wisconsin.gov](http://www.bringit.wisconsin.gov)*

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## Are there exemptions?

Photo ID is not required for the following absentee voters:

- ✓ Military voters
- ✓ Voters who are permanently overseas
- ✓ Confidential voters
- ✓ Indefinitely confined voters
- ✓ Nursing home residents whose ballots are delivered by special voting deputies
- ✓ Residents of care facilities who are not visited by special voting deputies