

Dear Voter:

Governor Walker signed the Voter Photo ID Bill into law on Wednesday, May 25, 2011. The new law provides that, beginning with the Spring Primary in 2012, most voters will be required to provide some form of proof of identification before they may receive a ballot, including those who vote by absentee ballot.

When will I be required to provide identification in order to vote?

Proof of Identification will be required beginning with the 2012 February Primary. (A list of acceptable proof of ID documents can be found on the back of this letter).

What is required if I vote in-person?

Voters who vote at the polling place on Election Day or vote by absentee ballot in-person in the municipal clerk's office must show acceptable photo ID each time they vote. Voters who are unable or unwilling to show photo ID will vote a provisional ballot.

What is required if I vote by absentee ballot?

Voters who mail in an application for absentee ballot must include a copy of acceptable photo ID with the application. If a copy of photo ID does not accompany the application, a ballot may not be sent to the voter.

Voters who submit their application by fax or email are not required to include a copy of acceptable photo ID with their application. However, if ID is not included with the application, it must be returned with the voted ballot. If ID is not returned with the ballot, the ballot will be treated as provisional.

Once an absentee voter has submitted acceptable photo ID, he or she is not required to submit ID with subsequent absentee ballot requests unless the voter's address or name changes.

Are there any exceptions to this requirement?

- Military, overseas and confidential voters are exempt from the ID requirement.
- The signature of a witness on the Absentee Certificate Envelope of an indefinitely-confined voter satisfies the proof of ID requirement.

What if I don't have photo ID?

If you do not have any of the items listed on the back of this letter, you may obtain an ID from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT). For information about obtaining a free ID from the DOT, please view the information at this link <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/drivers/apply/idcard.htm> or contact the DOT at 608-266-2353. **Note:** You do not need (and will not be able) to obtain a free ID if you already hold a valid Wisconsin DL or ID (both of which are acceptable photo ID).

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

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Acceptable Photo IDs New Wisconsin Voter Photo ID Law

Starting with the 2012 February Primary and all subsequent elections thereafter, Wisconsin Voters must show an acceptable photo ID before receiving and casting a ballot.

Please note: There is no such thing as a separate “Voter ID” card. Instead, other forms of photo ID can be used. If you already have a driver license, you don’t need (and cannot get) a state ID card simply in order to vote. Anyone with a valid driver license or state ID card, or any of the documents listed below, already has the photo ID they need for voting purposes.

The following photo IDs are acceptable for voting purposes, and can be unexpired or expired after the date of the most recent general election (currently, the November 2, 2010 election):

- A Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended
- A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card
- Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service
- A U.S. passport

The following photo IDs are also acceptable for voting purposes, but must be unexpired:

- A certificate of naturalization that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of an election at which it is presented
- A driving receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 60 days)
- An identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 60 days)
- An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin
- A photo identification card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college that contains the following:
 - Date of Issuance
 - Signature of Student
 - Expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance
 - The university or college ID must be accompanied by a separate document that proves enrollment for the current school term.

For detailed information about the Voter Photo ID law, please visit the Government Accountability Board website: <http://gab.wi.gov> or call 1-866-VOTE-WIS or contact the G.A.B. Help Desk at 608-261-2028 or TTY 1-800-947-3529.