

ACCEPTABLE PROOF OF RESIDENCE DOCUMENTS

The document provided must contain a complete name, including both the first and last name; and a current and complete residential address, including a numbered street address and the name of a municipality.

The **ONLY** acceptable forms of Proof of Residence are as follows:

- A current and valid **Wisconsin Drivers License** or **Wisconsin Identification card**
- Any other **official identification card or license** issued by a Wisconsin governmental body
- 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 **utility bill** (gas, electric, cable TV or telephone) for the period commencing no earlier than 90 days before Election Day.
- A current **residential lease** which is effective for a period that includes Election Day. (Cannot be used by first-time voters who register by mail)
- A **university, college, or technical identification card** bearing a photo of the cardholder (May be used even if the card does not contain the cardholder's address, if the education institution provides a certified student list for use at the polling place)
- **Bank statement or credit union statement.** (cannot accept bank/credit union charge card statements or investment firm statements)
- A **paycheck** or a **government check** or other document issued by a unit of government.

**Electronic versions of these documents may be presented to election officials as proof of residence on smartphones, tablets, or other electronic devices. Election officials must record the type of proof of residence presented along with the identifying number, if any, associated with the document on the voter registration form.

Special Note: The GAB specifically indicated in its ruling that election officials are under no obligation to provide Internet access, computers, or smartphones in their offices or at the polling place to facilitate voter registration. The Board also reiterated that, while election observers may observe public aspects of the voting process, they do not have the right to view or handle proof of residence documents presented by voters to election inspectors.

List of Possible Proof of Residence Documents

Information is provided by the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

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| <p>What are examples of government agencies who can issue Proof of Residence documents?</p> | <p>THIS IS NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LIST. THESE ARE ONLY EXAMPLES OF UNITS OF GOVERNMENT.</p> <p>Government agencies can include local, state, or federal units of government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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, and many others. ➤ Federal units of government include: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Medicare (not second party vendors), Social Security, and many others. |
| <p>What are examples of Proof of Residence documents issues by a government agency?</p> | <p>THIS IS NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LIST. THESE ARE ONLY EXAMPLES OF PROOF OF RESIDENCE DOCUMENTS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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. |
| <p>What if I am unsure if my document will qualify?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ If you are unsure if your document will qualify as acceptable proof of residence, please call: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 |

REMEMBER: Acceptable Proof of Residence documents must always include the voter’s name and current address.

Voter Information: <http://myvote.wi.gov>

For more information, 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.