Absentee Voting

Who can vote absentee?
• Any registered voter can vote absentee in any election (no reason has to be given).
• Any registered voter can request a permanent absentee ballot (you must certify that you are indefinitely confined).

How do I get an absentee ballot?
• Apply online at myvote.wi.gov.
• Request an absentee ballot from your city, town, or village clerk by mail or phone.
• In-person early absentee voting is available. Contact your city, town, or village clerk for dates, location, and times.

Will my absentee ballot be counted?
• Yes, if the envelope is signed by the voter and has witness signature and address, and the ballot is received no later than the close of Election Day at 8:00 p.m.

Elections

What is a primary election?
When more than two candidates run for the same position, the votes in the primary determine the candidate(s) for the general election.
• Spring Primary: Third Tuesday in February
• Partisan Primary: Second Tuesday in August (even years)

What is a general election?
• Spring Election: For nonpartisan judicial, municipal, county, and educational officials, first Tuesday in April every year
• Fall General Election: For U.S. Senators and Representatives, President or Wisconsin Governor, and state and county partisan offices, Tuesday after the first Monday in November (even years)
Who Can Vote in Wisconsin?

To vote in the state of Wisconsin, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- 18 years of age or older
- A resident of Wisconsin
- One whose felony conviction has been served in full, including probation, parole or extended supervision
- Registered to vote

How Can I Register?

You have three options:

- Anytime up to 20 days before the election:
  - Online at myvote.wi.gov
  - With a paper registration form from your city, town, or village clerk
- Less than 20 days before the election:
  - In-person only at your city, town or village clerk
- On Election Day:
  - At your polling place

Voting on Election Day

- Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- You must vote at your designated polling place. Find your polling place at myvote.wi.gov
- You must show an acceptable photo ID.
- Curbside voting is available if the polling place is not accessible to you. It’s best to arrange for curbside assistance with your municipal clerk in advance.
- You can request a provisional ballot under three circumstances:
  1. If you are unable to provide a WI driver license number or WI ID number on your registration form
  2. If you are unable to provide acceptable photo ID at the polls
  3. If your mailed registration form was incomplete and you are unable to provide needed documentation at the polls
- For your provisional ballot to be counted, you must provide the missing information to your municipal clerk by 4:00 p.m. on the Friday following the election.

An acceptable photo ID is required for voting

- Wisconsin Driver License or Wisconsin State ID *
- U.S. Passport book or card *
- U.S. Uniformed Services card *
  * The expiration date on these documents must be after the date of the last Fall General Election.
- Certificate of Naturalization issued within 2 years
- Wisconsin Tribal ID card (expired or unexpired)
- Veteran’s Affairs ID (unexpired or no expiration date)
- Wisconsin Driver License or State ID card receipt (valid for 45 days from date issued)
- Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) ID Petition Process Photo Receipt (valid for 180 days from date issued)
- Student ID card PLUS proof of current enrollment (paper or electronic)
  - Must be from a Wisconsin accredited university, college or technical college. Card must show:
    - Date card issued • Student signature • Expiration date within 2 years of issuance

You can obtain a free ID for voting purposes

- Apply in person at any Department of Motor Vehicles location. Bring identifying documents, if available:
  • Proof of name and date of birth • Proof of identity • Proof of residence
  • Proof of U.S. citizenship • Social Security card
- If needed documents are missing, an ID Petition Process is available at the DMV. Bring the documents you have to the DMV and the staff will help you. Need help? Call 608-285-2141.

What Do I Need to Register?

To register online you must have a valid Wisconsin driver license/ID with current address on file with the DMV. If using a paper registration, present one of these proofs of residence in paper or electronic format showing your current name and address:

- Current and valid Wisconsin driver license or Wisconsin state ID
- Utility bill dated within 90 days of registration
- Bank or credit union statement
- Property tax bill or receipt from the current year or the year preceding the date of the election
- Pay stub
- Residential lease if registering in person
- Government-issued document or license
- College tuition statement along with a valid student ID
- Residential care facility agreement

What if I move or change my name?

- Your current address determines where you vote. If any part of your address changes you must re-register.
- You must re-register if you change your name, but first change your name with Social Security and the Department of Motor Vehicles.

How do I know if I am registered?

- Check registration at myvote.wi.gov
- A postcard from the state is sent to your address to verify registration.