

Proof of Residence (POR) vs. Proof of Identification (POI)

Document	Issuer	Proof of Residence Requirements (Registration)	Proof of ID Requirements ¹ (Issuing a ballot)
State of WI Driver License or Instructional Permit	State Government	Cannot be used as POR if hole punched May be revoked or suspended Cannot be expired	May be used if hole punched and date visible May be revoked or suspended Must either be valid or expired after the last General Election
State of WI ID Card	State Government	Cannot be used as POR if hole punched Cannot be expired	May be used if hole punched and date visible Must either be valid or expired after the last General Election
WI DOT Driver License Receipt	State Government	Cannot be expired Valid for 45 days	Cannot be expired Valid for 45 days
WI DOT ID Card Receipt	State Government	Cannot be expired Valid for 45 days	Cannot be expired Valid for 45 days
Identification Card Petition Process receipt	State Government	Cannot be expired Valid for 60 days	Cannot be expired Valid for 60 days
Citation or Notice to Revoke or Suspend WI Driver License	State Government	Cannot be expired Must be dated within 60 days of the election	Cannot be expired Must be dated within 60 days of the election
Check or other document issued by a unit of government	Any Governmental Unit	Valid on date of registration ²	Cannot be used for POI
U.S. Passport booklet or card	Federal Government	Cannot be used as POR	Must either be valid or expired after the last General Election
Military ID card issued by a U.S. Uniformed Service	Federal Government	Cannot be used as POR	Must either be valid or expired after the last General Election
Military ID card issued to a veteran by a U.S. Uniformed Service.	Federal Government	Cannot be used as POR	May be expired – some may indicate “indefinite.”
Photo ID issued by the federal Dept. of Veterans Affairs	Federal Government	Cannot be used as POR	Must either be valid, have no expiration date, or expired after the last General Election.

¹ Proof of Identification documents do not have to list a current address to be valid.

² Proof of Residence documents which are valid for use during a specified period must be valid on the day an elector registers to vote. Wis. Stat. 6.34(3) (c).

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Certificate of Naturalization	Federal Government	Cannot be used as POR	Cannot be expired issued not earlier than 2 years before election
Wisconsin University, College or Technical College ID	Educational Institutions	Photo and name required on ID Address not required on ID but a fee payment receipt with address and dated within the last 9 months is presented OR The clerk may verify the ID against the certified housing list showing the address	Photo, date of issuance, student signature and expiration date no later than two years after issuance required. If expired, it can still be used if a separate document proving current enrollment is provided.
ID Card issued by WI governmental body or unit	Local Government	Valid on date of registration ²	Cannot be used for POI
Real estate tax bill or receipt	Local Government	For current year or year preceding date of the election	Cannot be used for POI
ID card issued by federally recognized WI tribe	Tribal Government	None	Expired or unexpired
ID Card issued by employer not a business card	Employer	Valid on date of registration ² Photo required	Cannot be used for POI
Paycheck or stub	Employer	None	Cannot be used for POI
Bank or Credit Union Statement	Financial Institution	Any bank or CU account statement, regardless of the type of account.	Cannot be used for POI
Credit Card Statement	Financial Institution	Any credit card statement, including retail	Cannot be used for POI
Residential Lease	Landlord	Effective on date of registration ² Cannot be used as POR when registering by mail.	Cannot be used for POI
Utility bill Gas, Electric, Phone, Mobile, cable TV, Satellite, Internet, Garbage	Utilities	For period that starts no earlier than 90 days before registration	Cannot be used for POI
Care facility contract or intake document	Care Facility	Must indicate voter resides at facility Is not required to indicate room number	NA

Prescribed by the Commission pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 5.35(6)(c).