



# HOW TO OBTAIN A FREE WISCONSIN STATE ID FOR VOTING PURPOSES

**Effective 2011**

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

In 2011, Voter Photo Identification Law was passed requiring a photo ID for voting purposes.

**Wisconsin does not issue a separate Voter ID card.**

**Acceptable photo identification for voting in Wisconsin include:**



The IDs (in the circles above) must be unexpired or if expired have expired after the date of the most recent general election: currently, **November 2, 2010**

**If a person has none of the photo ID forms listed above, a Wisconsin ID can be freely obtained for voting purposes if these requirements below are met:**

- Must be at least 18 yrs of age on the date of the next election
- Eligible to vote in Wisconsin

- Do not currently have a valid or unexpired WI Driver License (DL)
- Do not have a WI State ID card that is not eligible for renewal

Valid out-of-state driver licenses must be surrendered to obtain a WI State ID Card.

## Required documents for a FREE Wisconsin ID for voting purposes

To get a Free State ID for voting purposes you must provide your social security number and present any documentation listed below that proves your **name & date of birth, legal presence, identity, and Wisconsin residency**. Listed below are the most common forms of documentation. Complete lists for each category can be found at: [www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/drivers/apply/idcard.htm](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/drivers/apply/idcard.htm)

One acceptable document can be presented as proof in multiple categories.

### **Name & Date of Birth (need one)**

BIRTH CERTIFICATE (certified)  
 CERTIFICATE OF CITIZENSHIP  
 DRIVER LICENSE (Other U.S.)  
 FOREIGN PASSPORT (valid w/ I-551 or I-94 arrival & departure record)  
 TSA WORKER ID Transportation Worker Identification Credential  
 ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE RECORD  
 COURT ORDER: Adoption, Divorce Name or Gender

### **Legal Presence (need one)**

BIRTH CERTIFICATE (certified)  
 CERTIFICATE OF CITIZENSHIP  
 FOREIGN PASSPORT (valid)  
 TSA WORKER ID Transportation Worker Identification Credential

### **Identity (need one)**

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE (Copy)  
 CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE  
 DRIVER LICENSE (from another State)  
 STATE ID CARD (from another State)  
 TSA WORKER ID Transportation Worker Identification Credential  
 MILITARY DISCHARGE PAPERS + DD-214  
 U.S. GOV & MILITARY DEPENDENT CARD  
 SOCIAL SECURITY CARD  
 Under 18 (LEGAL GUARDIAN'S WI ID CARD)

### **Wisconsin Residency (need one)**

Pay Stub  
 Mortgage Documents  
 Utility Bill (incl. Cable & Landline Phone)  
 Employee Photo ID

Dept. of Correction Documents  
Insurance Policy  
Financial Institution Statement  
College Enrollment Document  
Certified School Record  
Gov-issued Correspondence

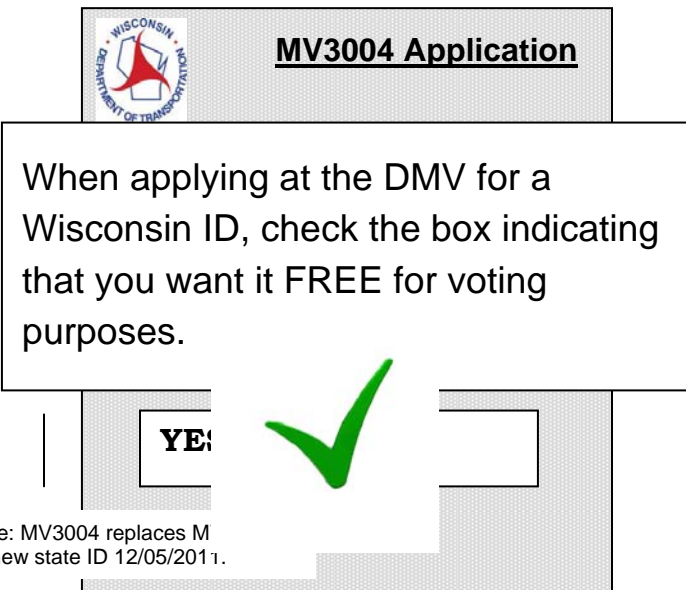
Documents presented as proof must be original. Photocopies are not acceptable unless otherwise indicated above.

Documents with a photograph of a person will be accepted only when the person is readily recognizable from the photograph.

The Division of Motor Vehicles will decline to accept any documents presented if it has reason to suspect the authenticity of the document. Questionable documents may require additional review.

**Now Apply for the Free State ID**

**“Check the Check Box.”**



The image shows a portion of the MV3004 Application form. At the top left is the Wisconsin Department of Transportation logo. To its right is the title "MV3004 Application". Below this is a text box with the instruction: "When applying at the DMV for a Wisconsin ID, check the box indicating that you want it FREE for voting purposes." Below the text box, there is a checkbox labeled "YES" which is checked with a large green checkmark. Below the form, a note reads: "Please note: MV3004 replaces M for a new state ID 12/05/2011."

Once documentation is accepted, the FREE Wisconsin ID Card is processed and mailed. A Wisconsin ID Card Receipt is issued and is an acceptable ID for voting purposes until your card arrives.

This information is for obtaining a DMV-issued Wisconsin State ID Card. For further questions: <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov>

SEARCH: "Obtaining an identification (ID) card" <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/forms/mv3001.pdf> DMV Call Center (608) 266-2353

## **Voter Public Access**

<https://vpa.wi.gov>

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.