

New WI Voter Photo ID Rules – Major Changes

Village of Muscoda Administrator Clerk, Cinda Johnson urges voters to plan now to make sure they have the acceptable photo ID to vote beginning with the November 4, 2014 Election. Most voters already have some type of photo ID. See list below for acceptable ID's.

For specific questions on how the new Voter ID law affects you please contact your local clerk or Ms. Johnson at 608-739-3182; Grant County Clerk at 608-723-2675; Iowa County Clerk at 608-935-0399.

Election Day

On Election Day, voters must provide one of the following photo IDs before they can cast a ballot: The below IDs are valid, may be expired after the date of the most recent general election which was November 6, 2012:

- Wisconsin Driver's License
- Wisconsin State ID Card
- Military ID Card
- U.S. Passport

The following forms of photo ID are also acceptable, but cannot be unexpired:

- A Certificate of Naturalization
- Driver's License Receipt issued by the WI DOT
- ID issued by a federally recognized Wisconsin Indian Tribe
- A photo ID issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college (please contact your Local Clerk, the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board or your college or university for specifications)

An acceptable photo ID is not required to include a current address.

If you do not have a valid WI Driver's License or WI State ID you can receive a **free** WI State ID from your local Department of Motor Vehicles if you specifically request a **free** ID for voting purposes. Please contact your local DMV or your local clerk for more information.

Absentee Voting

During in-person absentee voting, voters must present photo ID just like on Election Day. In-person absentee voting can begin the third Monday before the election, and must end at 5 p.m. or the close of business, whichever is later, the Friday before the election. Contact your local municipal clerk for absentee voting hours.

When voters request an absentee ballot by mail, they must include a photocopy of their photo ID with the request, or the ballot cannot be mailed. Voters who are "indefinitely confined" because of age, illness, infirmity or disability and voters in care facilities may have their absentee witness verify their identity instead of providing a copy of their photo ID. Active members of the U.S. Armed Services who are away from home are also exempt from the photo ID requirement.

Voters are also encouraged to visit the Wisconsin Government Accountability's Voter ID website www.bringit.wisconsin.gov for information about the new law.