

Photo ID Law - Frequently Asked Questions

Governor Walker signed the voter photo ID law on May 28, 2011, and the Government Accountability Board is working on the law's implementation.

- **When will I be required to show a photo ID to vote?**
 - Voters at special and recall elections in 2011 will be asked to show a photo ID; however, a photo ID will not be required until the Presidential Preference Primary in the Spring of 2012.
 - Voters who do not have photo ID for elections in 2011 will be given written information about the requirement in 2012.
- **What IDs are acceptable?**
 - A Wisconsin DoT-issued driver license
 - A Wisconsin DoT-issued identification card
 - An identification card issued by a U.S. uniformed service
 - A U.S. passport
(Identifications above must be unexpired, or if expired, have expired after the date of the most recent general election.)
 - A certificate of naturalization that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of an election at which it is presented
 - An unexpired driving receipt issued by Wisconsin DoT.
 - An unexpired identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DoT.
 - An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin
 - An unexpired identification card issued by a Wisconsin-accredited university or college that contains the following:
 - Date of Issuance
 - Signature of Student
 - Expiration date not later than two years after Date of Issuance
- **How do I get a free photo ID to vote?**
 - Wisconsin Act 23 requires the Department of Transportation to provide free ID cards: SECTION 140.343.50 (5) (a) 3. of the statutes is created to read: 343.50 (5) (a) 3. The department may not charge a fee to an applicant for the initial issuance or reinstatement of an identification card if the applicant is a U.S. citizen who will be at least 18 years of age on the date of the next election **and the applicant requests that the identification card be provided without charge for purposes of voting.**
 - For information about the requirements to obtain a Wisconsin ID card, please visit the Department of Transportation website:
<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/drivers/apply/idcard.htm>.
 - Because of the need to obtain a birth certificate and other documents, voters are urged to start the process early.