

-WISCONSIN U.S. PASSPORT AS PHOTO ID FOR VOTING-

Information Provided by the State of Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

WHAT DOES A U.S. PASSPORT LOOK LIKE?

Both U.S. Passport books and cards can be used to vote. While the look of a U.S. Passport can vary depending on when your passport was issued, here are photos of the more common U.S. Passport books and cards:



CAN I USE A U.S. PASSPORT TO VOTE IN WISCONSIN?

Yes! A U.S. Passport is one of eight types of photo ID that can be used to vote in Wisconsin.

WHAT IS A U.S. PASSPORT?

U.S. Passport books and cards are documents issued by the U.S. Department of State to citizens of the United States of America. This document is used for international travel and identification.

CAN MY U.S. PASSPORT BE EXPIRED?

You may still use your expired U.S. Passport for voting as long as it has expired since the last November General Election. Currently, that date is November 4, 2014.

DOES MY U.S. PASSPORT NEED TO HAVE MY CURRENT ADDRESS ON IT?

No. Your U.S. Passport does not need to have a current address on it. When you present your photo ID to receive a ballot in the next election, the poll workers will not be looking at the address. However, if you still need to register to vote at your address, you will need to present a document called proof of residence that proves where you live, like a utility bill or a bank statement.

WHAT WILL THE ELECTION WORKER BE LOOKING FOR ON MY U.S. PASSPORT?

The election worker will be looking for three things on your U.S. Passport:

- 1) **Your Photo.** Election workers know looks can change, but please make sure that if your appearance has significantly changed that your photo still reasonably resembles you.
- 2) **Your Name.** Poll workers will be looking to see that your name matches what is on the poll book. It doesn't need to be an exact match. For example, if your ID says "Robert" but your voter registration says "Bob," that's ok!
- 3) **An Expiration Date.** They will be checking to see that your Passport is either unexpired or has expired since the last November General Election (currently November 4, 2014).

Find more information on the Photo ID law at www.BringIt.wi.gov
Register to vote or check your registration status at: www.MyVote.wi.gov
Contact the Government Accountability Board at 1-866-Vote-Wis or at GAB@wi.gov

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WHO CAN GET A U.S. PASSPORT?

U.S. Citizens can apply for a first time U.S. Passport at an Acceptance Facility or Passport Agency. You apply by submitting the Application for a U.S. Passport found at <http://travel.state.gov/passport>.

HOW DO I GET A U.S. PASSPORT?

You will need to go in-person to your nearest U.S. Regional Passport Agency or service center. To locate the nearest agency or service center call 1-877-487-2778 or visit <http://travel.state.gov> and search: "passport agencies."

WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO BRING TO GET A U.S. PASSPORT?

When applying for an original (first) U.S. Passport you must provide one document from the two categories shown below:

1. Proof of Citizenship*		
Certificate of Naturalization	Certificate of Citizenship	Birth Certificate (Certified) Issued by the City, County, or State (must be long form)
Consular Report of Birth Abroad	Consular Report of Certification of Birth	

* Documents showing Proof of Citizenship must be original. All documentation will be returned with your newly issued passport or in a separate mailing.

2. Proof of Identification**		
U.S. Passport (Previously issued and undamaged)	Government ID (current) City, State or Federal	Driver License (U.S. and valid)
Armed Forces ID Card (military and dependents)	Certificate of Naturalization	
If you cannot provide a Proof of Identification document listed above, you can instead provide Proof of Identification through these secondary means:		
Signature documents can also be used to verify personal identity. You should submit as many as possible. An example of the signature documents you could include are: Library Card + Employee ID + Credit Card + Social Security Card.		
Identifying Witness. An identifying witness is someone who can swear to your identity that is present at the time of application. He or she must: have known you for at least 2 years, be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident, have valid ID, and fill out an Affidavit of Identifying Witness in the presence of a Passport Agent. It is suggested that you also bring secondary signature documents in addition to an identifying witness for best results.		

** Proof of Identification documents do not have to be originals. You may submit photocopies of Proof of Identification documents.

For further questions on obtaining a U.S. Passport please visit: <http://travel.state.gov/passport> or call 1-877-487-2778

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO SUBMIT WHEN APPLYING FOR A U.S. PASSPORT?

When applying for an original (first) U.S. Passport you must: apply in-person at an Acceptance Facility or Passport Agency, Complete and submit the application for a U.S. Passport, submit Proof of U.S. Citizenship and Identification, pay applicable fee, provide one passport-ready photo. You must renew your passport whenever a legal name change occurs.

WHAT IS THE FEE FOR OBTAINING A U.S. PASSPORT?

The cost for a Passport Book \$110* + \$25*

The cost for a Passport Card \$30* + \$25*

*Price is subject to change. For Passport renewals, \$25 fee is waived. Passports can be renewed after 15 years.