# Tutorial for the Wisconsin Online Voter Registration System



## Your Role as a Voter Registration Advocate



- $\star$  Treat every voter with respect.
- ★ Remain impartial; treat every voter the same.
- ★ If you don't know the answer, contact someone who does.

- ★ Protect voters' information and privacy.
- ★ Check paper forms carefully and deliver them promptly.
- ★ Know that your assistance is appreciated.



## Who can vote in Wisconsin?



A person can vote in Wisconsin if they are:

- a US Citizen
- a resident of Wisconsin for at least 10 days
- 18 years old on or before the next Election Day
- not currently serving a sentence for a felony including probation, parole, or extended supervision Must be "off paper"



To vote in Wisconsin, you must register to vote one of the following ways:

→ Online at myvote.wi.gov up to 20 days before Election Day.

→ **By mail** up to 20 days before Election Day.

→ In person at your municipal clerk's office until the Friday before Election Day.

→ At your polling location on Election Day when you go to vote.



An eligible Wisconsin resident can complete their registration online at myvote.wi.gov if ALL of these are true:

- 1. The voter has an unexpired Wisconsin driver's license or Wisconsin State ID.
- The voter's name, address 2. and date of birth on file at the DMV match the name, address, and date of birth when registering to vote online.
- 3. The voter is already 18 years old.

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# Where to start when assisting voters to use the MyVote online voter registration process:

Ask these questions when assisting voters:

- 1. Do you have a valid WI driver's license or state ID?
- Is your address with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) current?
- 3. Have you changed your name?



# Valid WI driver's license or WI state issued ID

Does the voter have a valid WI driver license or state issued ID?

Yes Continue to next slide NO Follow this process If the voter DOES NOT have a Wisconsin driver's license or state ID, they may register to vote using a paper registration form.

The registration process can start online and then be printed, but the form and proof of residence need to be mailed/delivered to the municipal clerk's office.

Remind the voter they will need a photo ID to vote.



## Address change

Has the voter moved and needs to change their address?

<u>NO</u> Continue to next slide YES First, complete this process If the voter has a change of address:

1. Make the change of address first with the DMV. This can be done online at the DMV website (instructions to follow).

2. Register to vote online at myvote.wi.gov.



If the person registering does not have their ID on them – look it up at wisconsindot.gov or call the DMV.

The voter registration form requires the Wisconsin driver's license or state ID number and the date of expiration. Online go to: wisconsindot.gov DMV ONLINE SERVICES All DMV online services Check the status of your driver license Check driver license information

Or call: 608-266-2261 Option 4 Option 4



#### Has the voter's name changed?

If a voter's name has changed, but they have not updated their photo ID, they can continue to vote under their previous name. If they need to register or re-register, they must provide a proof of residence with their previous name and current address.

In order to update a driver's license or state ID after a name change, a person must:

1. Go to the Social Security office IN PERSON to register their new name.

2. Go to the WI DMV office IN PERSON to register their new name.

3. Once the DMV has issued an updated photo ID, the voter can register or re-register at myvote.wi.gov.



## Making an Address Change



# DMV Address Change

Open a new browser window and go to: <u>http://wisconsindot.gov</u> click on the "online services" link in the upper left hand corner of the screen and then choose "change address" from the drop down menu.



Address may be changed online thru the DMV for no fee. There is no charge unless you want a new card showing your new address.



# Registering to Vote



### **Online Voter Registration**



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The Voter will:

- 1. Go to myvote.wi.gov
- 2. Click "Register to Vote"
- 3. Enter first name, last name, and date of birth (MM/DD/YYY)
- 4. Click the green "Search" button

The OVR search function will match the information entered with information currently at the Election Commission.

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#### **REGISTER TO VOTE**

#### If the search returns

"You are not registered to vote"

a voter can begin the registration process by clicking the red "Register to Vote" button and following the online instructions.

Need Assistance? Find your municipal clerk by searching for your name or address Find My Clerk	You are not registered to vote We did not find any registered voter in the system that matches the information you entered. Would you like to register to vote?	Search First Name*	Search Tip
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If the voter is registered, myvote will show the address on file and give the option "update name and address". If an update is needed, click on the tab; the following screen will give the option to update either or both.



The voter will be prompted to:

- 1. Verify eligibility
- 2. Update name and address
- 3. Review registration
- 4. Email/Print registration

Anytime the system cannot continue, an error message with explanation and additional information and support will be provided.

### VOTER REGISTRATION



https://myvote.wi.gov/en-US/VoterRegistration



#### Am I eligible to vote?

The registrant must answer all eligibility questions on this page.

## The answers will determine if the person is qualified to vote.

If the person is ineligible to vote, an explanation will appear explaining why.

## More Information button explains the question.





#### VOTER REGISTRATION



Answering some "yes" "no" questions will reveal fields requiring more information.

The "Birth Date" field updates automatically from an earlier page.

If the registrant has a WDL or ID that is not expired or cancelled, the number and expiration date **must** be entered.



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## **Never had a license or State ID?**

If you have not been issued a Wisconsin driver license or State of Wisconsin ID card, you must provide the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number.

If you have not been issued a WI driver license, a State of Wisconsin ID card, or a Social Security Number, you may indicate that on the form.

#### Step 2: Am I eligible to vote?

#### Please verify that you are eligible to register:

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Will you be at least 18 years next election?*	old at the time of the	Yes	No	More Information
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If the registrant has never been issued a license or state ID, if the license or ID is no longer valid, or if the registrant is not yet 18 years old, but will turn 18 before the date of the next election, they can continue to use the online system to fill out the application and then print and deliver/mail in their registration with an acceptable proof of residence. The date of birth that you have entered indicates that you are not yet eligible to vote because you are not 18 years of age. You may not register to vote online at this time.

If you entered your date of birth incorrectly, please close out of this message and fix the error in your date of birth and then click "Continue to Step 3."

If you will be 18 before the next election and you wish to register in advance, you may pre-fill your voter registration application using the manual voter registration process. If you choose this option, you will need to print, sign, and deliver this form to your municipal clerk along with proof of residence. Instructions will be provided. YOU MAY NOT VOTE IN ANY WISCONSIN ELECTION UNTIL YOU ARE 18 YEARS OF AGE.

To continue with the manual voter registration process, click here.





#### Update my Name

The name entered by the registrant is compared with the name on file at the DMV. The registrant should enter his/her name **exactly** as it appears on his/her **WDL** or **ID**.

If the registrant has no middle name, check the corresponding box.



#### Step 4: Update my Address

Please enter your current Wisconsin home address	
Street Address*	
1615 E Locust St	
Apartment/Unit Type	Apartment/Unit Number
City*	Zip Code*
Milwaukee	53211
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#### **Update my Address**



- → The voter's home address is the address where the voter has lived for at least 10 consecutive days.
- → A PO Box or out-of-state address does not qualify as a Wisconsin home address.
- → The address entered must match what is on file at the DMV. The address on the physical WI License / ID card does NOT have to match the current address on file with the DMV. \_\_\_\_\_



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## Things to keep in mind about the address

- > There are two error messages concerning a voter's address:
  - 1. The address does not match the information on file with the DMV. In this case, access the DMV website to verify what is on file and change it if necessary.
  - 2. The address has not been found. The address may have been deactivated or never been in the system. It can be activated by calling the Election Commission at 608-261-2028. Activation happens immediately, so the voter can simply continue to the next step once the address has been activated.
- If your mailing address is different from your physical residence, select the "I have a mailing address that is different from the address above" checkbox to enter a separate mailing address. The mailing address CAN be a U.S. mailing address (in or out-of-state), a foreign mailing address or a P.O. Box.
- If the voter was previously registered to vote at another address (either in Wisconsin or in another state) check the box next to "I have a prior address" and enter the address where previously registered. The information does not have to be exact; the voter should put in whatever they can remember. The checkbox for a prior name also refers only to a name under which a person was previously registered.



#### **Review and Certify my Registration**

The voter must confirm the information summarized on the screen.

If any information needs to be edited, click the **Edit** button next to the field that needs to be changed.

Once the voter has verified that the information is correct and has read the Voter Certification, they should select the "I certify that the above information is true and correct" checkbox and click submit.





#### 4. Print and Email Certificate

When the submitted online form has been accepted, the voter can email and/or print a Certificate of Voter Registration for their records.

The registration information will be on file with their clerk and their name will appear in the poll book on Election Day.



#### CERTIFICATE OF VOTER REGISTRATION

Wisconsin Online Voter Registration

The following voter has registered to vote online using the State of Wisconsin Elections Commission's website MyVote.wi.gov. The voter information listed below has been entered into the statewide voter registration system WisVote. The voter should appear on the poll book for the polling place listed below. This certificate can be used as proof that the voter is registered. The voter's information matched the information on file with the Wisconsin DMV. The voter does not need to provide additional proof of residence, and the voter does not need to provide a signed voter registration form.

VOTER'S POLLING PLACE: CITY HALL, 123 MAIN ST, CITYVILLE, WI 54123

COUNTY:	BIG COUNTY	
MUNICIPALITY:	CITYVILLE	WISCONSIN
WARD NUMBER:	37	STATE OF

To Wisconsin Election Officials, this is to certify that the voter listed below has completed the online voter registration application using the State of Wisconsin's online voter registration system and said elector should be permitted to cast his or her vote for the election to be held on: FEBRUARY 21, 2017

VOTER'S NAME:	TEST Q. SAMPLE
VOTER'S STREET ADDRESS:	78 FIRST STREET
VOTER'S CITY, STATE, ZIP:	CITYVILLE, WI 54321
VOTER REGISTRATION #:	23231231
DATE OF VOTER REGISTRATION:	01/10/2017



## Mail or deliver hard copy of registration form

If the voter is unable to complete the registration online, the last step in the process will explain how to print and mail or deliver the form to the municipal clerk. Remember, when mailing, delivering, or taking the form to the polls on Election Day, the voter will need to provide a PROOF OF RESIDENCE document\* along with the registration form.



\*Proof of residence documents can be presented as a hard copy or an electronic version. Examples can be found from a link in slide 32.



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## Take the time to

# Congratulate

## the newly registered voter!

Be sure to congratulate the voter once the registration process is complete. Registering to vote is an important step to being an engaged citizen.

Provide the voter with voting information like upcoming election dates, polling location, and additional voter resources.

Clear the voter's information from MyVote by returning to the "Register to Vote" page and clicking the "clear" button at the bottom of the page.

## Other voter information found on MyVote



Once voters are registered, they can...

- $\star$  Find their polling place.
- $\star$  See what is on their ballot.
- $\star$  Update their address if they move.
- $\star$  Request an absentee ballot.
- $\star$  Find their municipal clerk.



## **Review and Final Thoughts**



## Remember...

- Online Voter Registration is only available during the OPEN registration period (up to 20 days before the Election); during the closed period, registrants will be redirected to the paper process.
- 2. ADDRESS changes should be updated FIRST at the DMV site, then proceed to myvote.wi.gov. If you use the link to the DMV from myvote.wi.gov, you will lose the information already entered into myvote.
- 3. A voter may only use the online voter registration **once every 10 days.** If a change needs to be made within that 10 days, use a paper voter registration application.
- 4. If the online voter registration is not working out, **don't give up**! All WI voters can still register on paper by mail, in person at their municipal clerk's office, or at the polls on Election Day when they go to vote. MyVote also provides a help form. Use this to communicate any problems and receive assistance.

## Tips to Navigate Online Voter Registration

#### Using myvote.wi.gov

- To return to the home page: Click the "My Vote" logo on the upper left of the screen.
- \* = required field. It must be completed or the next page will not load.
- English and Spanish available.
- Red Outlines or Letters show errors.

If a search fails and the voter is sure that they are registered try these:

- Variations of first name
- No special characters: <u>oneil</u> NOT <u>O'Neil</u>
- Try a birthdate of 01/01/1900.
   Some people registered before birthdates were required



Additional Websites for Voter Assistance WI Photo ID - Official site - bringitwisconsin.com

**Wisconsin Election Commission** - Official site - elections.wi.gov/voters

Accessible Voting - Official site - elections.wi.gov/voters/accessibility

#### **Proof of Residence Documents -**

elections.wi.gov/publications/voter-guides/proof-of-residence

#### Find the nearest DMV -

https://trust.dot.state.wi.us/cscfinder/cscsearch.do

**Find a local League of Women Voters** - https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/find-your-local-league





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