Acceptable Documents for a Wisconsin Driver License or Identification Card Application

When applying for an original (first) Wisconsin instruction permit, driver license or identification card (ID), you must provide acceptable documents showing:

- Proof of U.S. citizenship, legal permanent resident status, legal conditional resident status or legal presence in the U.S.
- Proof of your name and date of birth.
- Proof of identity.
- Proof of Wisconsin residency if you are 18 years of age or older.
- Proof of Social Security Number.

This publication lists the acceptable documents in the five categories above.

Information For All Documents

- Documents presented as proof must be original. Photocopies are not acceptable.
- Documents with a photograph of a person will be accepted only when the person is readily recognizable from the photograph.
- The Department will decline to accept any document presented if it has reason to suspect the authenticity of the document.
- Questionable documents may require additional review.
- A valid document is one that is not expired.

Minimum Stay Requirements

Temporary visitors to the U.S. must have legal presence documents authorizing a minimum stay of:

- 1 year with at least 6 months remaining for a driver license.
- 6 months with at least 3 months remaining for an ID card.

See www.wisconsindmv.gov for more DMV information.
## Acceptable Documents for Proof of Legal Presence

### FOR REAL ID COMPLIANT CARDS

1. Valid U.S. Passport or Passport Card
2. U.S. State or local government issued certificate of birth (certified copy only; birth registration and hospital certificates are not acceptable).
3. Consular Report of Birth Abroad
   **Note:** Non-expiring I-551 documents issued from 1977 to 1989 are acceptable.
5. U.S. Certificate of Naturalization (federal form N-550)
6. U.S. Certificate of Citizenship (federal form N-560)
8. Unexpired foreign passport with a valid unexpired U.S. visa affixed accompanied by the approved I-94 form documenting your most recent admittance into the U.S.
9. Valid foreign passport with appropriate immigration documents, which shall include or be accompanied by federal form I-94, arrival and departure record.
   **Note:** The appropriate immigration documents determine legal presence, not the passport itself.
10. Valid Temporary Resident I.D. card (federal form I-688)
11. Valid employment authorization document (federal form I-688B or I-766)
12. Valid refugee travel document (federal form I-571)
13. Notice of Action (federal form I-797)
   **Note:** Document must provide conclusive proof of legal presence and be accompanied by other supporting documentation.
14. Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC Card) issued by DHS/Transportation Security Administration
15. U.S. Department of State reception and placement program assurance form (refugee version) which shall include or be accompanied by federal form I-94, arrival and departure record

### FOR NON-COMPLIANT CARDS

Everything from the REAL ID Compliant list above, or:

1. Valid foreign passport containing a valid non-immigrant visa and I-94, arrival and departure record
2. Valid foreign passport containing an expired non-immigrant visa and I-94, arrival and departure record
3. Pending or approved application for asylum in the United States
4. Valid re-entry into the United States in refugee status I-327 or I-571
5. Pending or approved application for temporary protected status in the United States
6. Approved deferred action status (including the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's [Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program](https://www.dhs.gov/deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-program)) or a pending application for adjustment of status to legal permanent resident status or conditional resident status

### Documentary Proof

Documentary proof specified in s.343.14(2)(er), Stats, that is approved by the federal authority

a. Valid foreign passport containing a valid non-immigrant visa and I-94, arrival and departure record
b. Valid foreign passport containing an expired non-immigrant visa and I-94, arrival and departure record
c. Pending or approved application for asylum in the United States
d. Valid re-entry into the United States in refugee status I-327 or I-571
e. Pending or approved application for temporary protected status in the United States
f. Approved deferred action status (including the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's [Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program](https://www.dhs.gov/deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-program)) or a pending application for adjustment of status to legal permanent resident status or conditional resident status
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Acceptable Documents for Proof of Identity — FOR REAL ID COMPLIANT and NON-COMPLIANT CARDS

**FOR REAL ID COMPLIANT CARDS**

1. Valid U.S. Passport or Passport Card
2. Certified birth certificate or equivalent document from the state, territory, or certificate of birth abroad issued by U.S. Dept. of State (federal forms FS-545 or DS-1350). In accordance with Puerto Rican law, as of October 30, 2010 Wisconsin will not accept any Puerto Rican birth certificate certified before July 1, 2010. More information at [www.pr.gov](http://www.pr.gov)

Canadian birth certificates are not acceptable.

3. Consular Report of Birth Abroad
4. Valid I-551, Permanent Resident Card issued by DHS/USCIS.

*Note:* Non-expiring I-551 documents issued from 1977 to 1989 are acceptable.

5. U.S. Certificate of Naturalization (federal form N-550)
6. Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (federal form N-560)
8. Unexpired foreign passport with a valid unexpired U.S., visa affixed, accompanied by the approved I-94 form documenting your most recent admittance into the U.S.

**FOR NON-COMPLIANT CARDS**

*Everything from the REAL ID Compliant list above, or:*

9. A foreign passport with federal I-551 resident alien registration receipt card or federal I-94 arrival and departure record that identifies your first and last names, and your day, month and year of birth
10. A Wisconsin driver license bearing your photograph
11. A Wisconsin identification card issued under §.343.50, bearing your photograph
12. Federal I-94 Arrival/Departure Record (Parole or Refugee version) and MV3002
13. A federal temporary resident card or employment authorization card (federal form I-688, I-688A)
14. Native American Identification Card issued in Wisconsin
15. Court order with your full name, date of birth and court seal. (This does not include an abstract of criminal or civil convictions).
16. Armed forces of the U.S. ID Card issued to military personnel; Common Access Card or DD Form 2.

Acceptable Documents for Proof of Name and Date of Birth

**FOR REAL ID COMPLIANT CARDS**

1. Valid U.S. Passport or Passport Card
2. Certified birth certificate or equivalent document from the state, territory, or certificate of birth abroad issued by U.S. Dept. of State (federal forms FS-545 or DS-1350).

**FOR NON-COMPLIANT CARDS**

*Everything from the REAL ID Compliant list above, or:*

9. A foreign passport with federal I-551 resident alien registration receipt card or federal I-94 arrival and departure record that identifies your first and last names, and your day, month and year of birth
10. A Wisconsin driver license bearing your photograph
11. A Wisconsin identification card issued under §.343.50, bearing your photograph
12. Federal I-94 Arrival/Departure Record (Parole or Refugee version) and MV3002
13. A federal temporary resident card or employment authorization card (federal form I-688, I-688A)
14. Native American Identification Card issued in Wisconsin
15. Court order with your full name, date of birth and court seal. (This does not include an abstract of criminal or civil convictions).
16. Armed forces of the U.S. ID Card issued to military personnel; Common Access Card or DD Form 2.
Acceptable Documents for Proof of Wisconsin Residency

FOR REAL ID COMPLIANT and NON-COMPLIANT CARDS

All documents for proof of Wisconsin residency must contain your name and current Wisconsin address. Printed electronic copies are acceptable for the following documents.

1. Paycheck, stub or earning statement with your employer’s name and address, issued in the last 90 days.
2. A utility bill for water, gas, electricity or land-line telephone service issued in the last 90 days. Includes cable and Internet services.
3. Mobile phone bill issued in the last 90 days.
4. An account statement from a bank / financial institution or brokerage house issued in the last 90 days. Includes savings, checking, money markets and brokerage accounts.

The following documents must be originals. Printed electronic copies are not acceptable.

5. Deed/Title, Mortgage, Rental/Lease agreement for Wisconsin property (A lease must include your landlord’s name and phone number.)
6. Current, valid homeowner’s, renter’s or motor vehicle insurance policy dated within one year of application.
7. Government issued correspondence or product issued from a Federal, State, County or City agency (original or certified copy issued within the last year). Quest or Forward cards are not acceptable.
8. Valid Wisconsin hunting or fishing license.
9. Department of Corrections Documentation: Letters from Probation/Parole agents on letterhead issued in the last 90 days.
10. Certified school record or transcript identifying you by name and current address, issued in the last 90 days for the most recent school period.

11. College enrollment documentation or Form 2019, Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status with a current WI address.
12. A photo identification card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university, college or Technical College that contains the following:
   a. Date of issuance
   b. Photo and address of Student
   c. Expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance.
13. Employee photo ID card issued by your current employer.
14. Homeless Shelter Documentation
15. Wisconsin driver license or ID card (can be expired) with your current Wisconsin address printed on the card.
16. Parent or guardian may present their Wisconsin driver license or ID card. The address on record must match with the child’s current address on record for people under age 26.

Acceptable Documents for Proof of Social Security Number

FOR REAL ID COMPLIANT CARDS

1. Social Security Card issued by the Social Security Administration.
2. W-2 form including your name, address and Social Security Number.
3. Social Security Administration SSA 1099 form.
5. Pay stub with your name and entire Social Security Number listed.

6. Or provide BOTH of the following documents:
   a. An unexpired foreign passport with a valid unexpired U.S. Visa affixed, accompanied by the approved I-94 form documenting your most recent admittance into the United States.
   b. A document to demonstrate a non-work authorized status.

FOR NON-COMPLIANT CARDS

7. Provide your Social Security Number.
8. If you are not eligible for a Social Security Number, you must sign form MV3741, Social Security Number non-eligibility certification statement.