

# National Voter Registration Application (NVRA)

Information about the form and tips for Wisconsin clerks who receive a NVRA from a voter

## What is the NVRA?

The NVRA is a Federal voter registration form that is provided to voters throughout the U.S. by the Election Assistance Commission (EAC). NVRA forms are made available to voters through registration drives throughout the country or online at <https://www.eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form/>. The NVRA can serve as a voter registration form for all voters, if they complete the form correctly and include the required information and documentation.

## What does the NVRA look like?

You can find the NVRA online at <https://www.eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form/>.

## Who can use the NVRA?

The NVRA can serve as a voter registration form for Wisconsin voters. Depending on the type of voter using the form, they will need to provide the required information and documentation as follows:

**Military Voters-** Although Military voters are not required to register to vote, they may use the NVRA form to submit their voter information. There is no box or certification on the form for the voter to select that they are in the Military. If the voter makes an indication on the form that they are a Military voter or if there is other information (such as an APO address) on the form that indicates the voter is military, please contact the voter and ask them to clarify their voter status. Military voters do not need to be registered in the State of Wisconsin and they are also exempt from the Proof of Residence requirement. Military voters may submit the form by mail, fax or email.

**Permanently Overseas Voters-** Permanently Overseas voters may use the NVRA form to register to vote in Wisconsin. There is no box or certification on the form for the voter to select that they are Permanently Overseas. If the voter makes an indication on the form that they are Permanently Overseas or if there is other information (such as an overseas address) on the form that indicates the voter is overseas, please contact the voter and ask them to clarify their voter status. Permanently Overseas voters must be registered before they can request an absentee ballot in the State of Wisconsin. They are exempt from the Proof of Residence requirement. They must submit their registration form by mail, postmarked at least 20 days before the election, with an original signature.

**Regular/Temporarily Overseas Voters-** Regular voters may use the NVRA form to register. They must provide a valid Proof of Residence document with their NVRA voter registration form. They must also submit their NVRA by mail or delivery, at least 20 days before the election, with their original signature.

## What should I look for on the NVRA?

If you receive a NVRA form from a voter, you should process the registration just like you would any other voter registration application. Because the form is designed to be used by voters in all 50 states, there are some fields on the form that are not required for Wisconsin voters.

**Eligibility-** In this section, the voter is certifying that they are eligible to vote. The voter would need to answer “yes” to both the citizenship and age requirement to be eligible to vote in Wisconsin. (Required)

**Box 1-** In this section the voter would enter their name. (Required)

**Box 2-** In this section, the voter will provide their Wisconsin residential address where they will have lived for at least 28 days prior to the election. This is the voter’s registration address. (Required)

**Box 3-** Here the voter can provide a mailing address, if their mailing address is different than what is listed in Box 2.

**Box 4-** Here the voter will provide their date of birth. (Required)

**Box 5-** Here the voter can provide their phone number.

**Box 6-** In this box the voter can provide either their Wisconsin Driver License or State ID number, or the last four digits of their social security number. If the voter does not have a WI DL/ID or an SSN, they may enter “none” in this field. (Required)

**Box 7-** Please disregard information in this field. Wisconsin does not collect voter party affiliation.

**Box 8-** Please disregard information in this field. Wisconsin does not collect information on voter race or ethnicity.

**Box 9-** In this section the voter must sign and date their registration affirming that they are eligible to vote in Wisconsin and that the information provided on their registration is correct.

**Box A-** If the voter has a previous name they can provide it here.

**Box B-** If the voter has a previous address, they can provide it here.

**Box C-** If the voter does not have a traditional address, they may indicate their address on the map in Box C.

**Box D-** If the voter is unable to sign their form and had someone assist them in completing the form, the assistor should complete their name, address and signature in this box.

## What are some tips for processing a NVRA request?

- NVRA should be treated just like a Wisconsin Voter Registration form. Please be sure that the voter has provided all the information needed to register to vote.
- If a voter is required to provide Proof of Residence with their registration and fails to provide the document with their NVRA, contact the voter to let them know that POR is needed to complete the registration process.
- Voters (excluding military voters) may not submit a NVRA form by email or fax. The voter must send the original form, with their signature to their municipal clerk.
- If you receive a form from a voter in another municipality, please contact the voter and let them know the form was received by the wrong municipality. Please forward the form to the clerk of the correct municipality.
- If the voter is registering by mail, the completed form must be postmarked at least 20 days prior to the election in order to register for the upcoming election.