

# -VETERAN AFFAIRS (VA) ID CARDS AS PHOTO ID FOR VOTING-

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## WHAT DOES A VETERAN AFFAIRS ID CARD LOOK LIKE?

There are currently two versions: the Veteran Health ID Card (VHIC) and the older Veteran ID Card (VIC).



(VHIC -Earliest Expiration Date: 2023)



(VIC - No Expiration Date)

## CAN I USE A VETERAN AFFAIRS ID CARD TO VOTE IN WISCONSIN?

Yes! A Veteran ID card is one of nine types of Photo ID that can be used to vote in Wisconsin.

## WHAT IS VETERAN AFFAIRS ID CARD?

This is an ID issued by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs/Veterans Health Administration to veterans who are enrolled in the VA health care system.

## CAN MY VETERAN AFFAIRS ID CARD BE EXPIRED?

No. The ID cards must be unexpired or have no expiration date. Some VIC cards do not expire and are therefore valid for voting indefinitely. The newer VHIC card will first begin to expire in 2023.

## DOES MY VETERAN AFFAIRS ID CARD NEED TO HAVE MY CURRENT ADDRESS ON IT?

**No. Your Veteran Affairs ID card does NOT have your 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, this could be your Wisconsin Driver License or it could be another document such as a utility bill.

## WHAT WILL THE ELECTION WORKER BE LOOKING FOR ON MY VETERAN AFFAIRS ID CARD?

The election worker will be looking for three things on your Veteran Affairs ID card:

- 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 "Michael" but your voter registration says "Mike", that's ok!
- 3) **An Expiration Date.** They will be checking to see that your Veteran Affairs ID card is unexpired or has no expiration date.

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