

-FEDERALLY-RECOGNIZED WISCONSIN TRIBAL ID AS PHOTO ID FOR VOTING-

Information Provided by the Wisconsin Elections Commission

WHAT DOES A TRIBAL ID CARD LOOK LIKE?

The look of a Tribal ID card issued by a federally recognized Native American tribe residing in Wisconsin can vary depending on which tribe issued the card, here is an example of what a card may look like:



CAN A TRIBAL ID CARD BE USED TO VOTE IN WISCONSIN?

Yes! A Tribal ID card that was issued by a federally recognized Native American tribe that resides in Wisconsin can be used for voting. A Tribal ID card can be used for voting purposes in Wisconsin. You must show the original copy of your ID if you are voting in-person.

CAN MY TRIBAL ID CARD BE EXPIRED WHEN VOTING?

You may still use your Tribal ID card issued by a federally recognized Native American tribe residing in Wisconsin even if it has expired. Please be sure your name is current on the ID and that the photo reasonably resembles you.

DOES MY TRIBAL ID NEED TO HAVE MY CURRENT ADDRESS ON IT?

No. Your Tribal ID card 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, this could be your Tribal ID card or it could be another document like a utility bill.

WHAT WILL THE ELECTION WORKER BE LOOKING FOR ON MY TRIBAL ID CARD?

The election worker will be looking for two things on your Tribal 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 certificate says "Robert" but your voter registration says "Bob," that's ok!

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WHAT TRIBES CAN ISSUE AN ID CARD FOR VOTING IN WISCONSIN?

Any Native American tribe that is recognized by the U.S. Federal Government and who resides in the State of Wisconsin can issue an ID card to their full members that is acceptable for voting in Wisconsin. While this is not a complete list, the following tribes are currently federally recognized and have a tribal governance located in Wisconsin (this list is subject to change):

- Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians
- Forest County Potawatomi Community
- Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin
- Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Ojibwe
- Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Menominee Indian Tribe
- Oneida Tribe of Indians
- Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
- Sokaogon Chippewa Community
- Stockbridge Munsee Community
- St. Croix Chippewa Indians

HOW CAN I APPLY FOR A TRIBAL ID CARD?

Tribal ID cards can be issued to full members of the tribe only. A full member of the tribe must first be enrolled in order to be considered for full membership. A birth certificate is required for enrollment. The enrollment process can vary between two months to one year depending on each tribe's process. It is recommended that you contact the specific tribe you are applying to for the most current information on their enrollment process.

WHO CAN I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT TRIBAL ID CARDS?

For more information on Tribal ID cards you may contact your local tribe or:

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