

WISCONSIN VOTING RIGHTS FOR PERSONS WITH CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS

In Wisconsin you can vote after you have finished your sentence and are off probation, parole or extended supervision.

Am I allowed to vote in Wisconsin?

In Wisconsin, you can register and vote if:

- You're a U.S. citizen;
- You'll be 18 or older on Election Day;
- You will have been a Wisconsin resident for at least 28 days on Election Day;
- A court hasn't taken away your right to vote because you are incompetent.
- You're not currently in jail or prison, or on probation, parole, or extended supervision, for a felony (or for any treason or bribery conviction).

I was convicted of a misdemeanor. Can I vote?

If you have been convicted of a misdemeanor (except for misdemeanor treason or bribery), you do not lose your right to vote. This means you can vote even if you are in jail or prison, or "on paper" (on probation, parole or extended supervision) for a misdemeanor.

I was convicted of a felony. Can I vote?

- If you have been convicted of a felony (or any treason or bribery crime), you can vote after you have finished your sentence and are "off paper" (off probation, parole or extended supervision).
- If you're not sure if you are "off paper," ask your parole/probation officer.

Do I have to get a pardon or permission from the government to vote, once I'm "off paper" for my felony?

- You do NOT have to get a pardon to get your voting rights back. Your voting rights are automatically restored as soon as you complete your felony sentence and are "off paper."

I've been charged with a felony, but I haven't been convicted yet. Can I vote?

- If you have been charged with a felony but not yet convicted, you can vote.
- If you've been convicted of a felony but haven't been sentenced, you cannot vote.

I am in jail. Can I vote?

- Maybe. If you're in jail for a misdemeanor, or if you're in jail because you're waiting for your trial but haven't been convicted yet, you can vote. (If you're in jail and you've been convicted of a felony, you cannot vote.)
- Persons who are in jail and are eligible to vote can apply to vote absentee by mail.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I HAVE TO DO TO VOTE IN WISCONSIN?

You have to register to vote. Even if you were registered before you were convicted of a felony, you have to register again. For more information go to <https://www.aclu-wi.org/VoterRegistrationQuestions>

Most voters need to get "photo ID" to vote. For more information go to <https://www.aclu-wi.org/VoterID>



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