VOTING RIGHTS FOR PERSONS WITH CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS

1) **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 10 days on Election Day;
   - A court hasn’t taken away your right to vote because you are incompetent; and.
   - **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).**

2) **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.**

3) **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.

4) **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.”

5) **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.**

6) **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.

7) **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](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](https://www.aclu-wi.org/VoterID)

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   - If you have other questions or concerns about your voting rights, “Like” [Wisconsin Election Protection](https://www.facebook.com/wisconsin.election.protection/) on Facebook or follow [@EPWisco](https://twitter.com/EPWisco) on Twitter and post your questions or concerns there.
   - If you do not have access to Facebook or Twitter, you can email questions or concerns to vote@aclu-wi.org and we will respond as soon as we can.
   - You can also call the Wisconsin Elections Commission at 1-866-VOTE-WIS (1-866-868-3947) or check out their voter information center, [http://www.gab.wi.gov/voters](http://www.gab.wi.gov/voters)