

-U.S. CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION AS PHOTO ID FOR VOTING-

Information Provided by the State of Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

WHAT DOES A U.S. CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION LOOK LIKE?

The look of a U.S. Certificate of Naturalization can vary depending on when it was issued, here is a photo of one of the more common certificates:



CAN I USE A U.S. CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION TO VOTE IN WISCONSIN?

Yes! A U.S. Certificate of Naturalization is one of eight types of photo ID that can be used to vote in Wisconsin.

CAN MY U.S. CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION BE EXPIRED WHEN VOTING?

The U.S. Certificate of Naturalization can be used to vote if it was issued no more than two years prior to the election. If your Certificate of Naturalization was issued more than two years before the election you will need to provide another form of photo ID for voting purposes.

DOES MY U.S. CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION NEED TO HAVE MY CURRENT ADDRESS ON IT?

No. Your U.S. Certificate of Naturalization 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 U.S. Certificate of Naturalization or it could be another document like a utility bill.

WHAT WILL THE ELECTION WORKER BE LOOKING FOR ON MY U.S. CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION?

The election worker will be looking for three things on your U.S. Certificate of Naturalization:

- 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!
- 3) **An Expiration Date.** They will be checking to see that your U.S. Certificate of Naturalization was issued no more than two years before the date of the election.

Find more information on the Photo ID law at www.BringIt.wi.gov

Register to vote or check your registration status at: www.MyVote.wi.gov

Contact the Government Accountability Board at 1-866-Vote-Wis or at GAB@wi.gov

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WHAT IS A U.S. CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION?

A U.S. Certificate of Naturalization is issued by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to U.S. citizens who have completed the U.S. naturalization process. In Wisconsin, only U.S. citizens are eligible to vote. You may not vote until the U.S. citizenship process is complete.

HOW CAN I APPLY FOR A U.S. CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION?

When applying for a U.S. Certificate of Naturalization you will need to do the following: Complete and submit a N400 Application, send a photocopy of both sides of your Permanent Resident Card, send two identical color photographs (with your name and Alien Registration Number written lightly in pencil on the back of each photo), provide other documents depending on the circumstances*, and pay an applicable fee (a check or money order for the application fee and the biometrics services fee , write your A-number on the back of the check or money order). *Search “Guide to Naturalization” on www.uscis.gov

WHO CAN I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT A U.S. CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION?

To locate the nearest U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) field office, contact the USCIS National Customer Services Center at 1-800-375-5283 or visit www.uscis.gov .

WHO CAN NOT APPLY FOR A U.S. CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION?

In certain cases, a person who was born outside of the United State to U.S. citizen parents is already a citizen of the U.S. and does not need to apply for naturalization. To find out more information about this type of citizenship and whether you should file form N-600, Application for Certificate of Citizenship, read “Guide to Naturalization” at www.uscis.gov .

Other permanent residents under 18 years of age may be eligible for U.S. citizenship if their U.S. citizen parent or parents file a form N-600 application on their behalf. For more information see “Frequently Asked Questions” at www.uscis.gov .

HOW MUCH DOES A U.S. CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION COST?

The total cost for a U.S. Certificate of Naturalization is \$680. This includes a \$595 filing fee and a \$85 biometrics fee. Please note that the cost is subject to change. Please visit www.uscis.gov/n-400 for the most current information.