

Documentation Needed to Register to Vote in Illinois 2024

Establish Voter's Identity	Establish Voter's Current Address	
Illinois Driver's License	A copy of a current utility bill	<p>no person shall be registered, unless he applies in person to a registration officer, answers such relevant questions as may be asked of him by the registration officer, and executes the affidavit of registration.</p> <p>The registration officer shall require the applicant to furnish two forms of identification, and except in the case of a homeless individual, one of which must include his or her residence address. These forms of identification shall include, but not be limited to, any of the following: driver's license, social security card, public aid identification card, utility bill, employee or student identification card, lease or contract for a residence, credit card, or a civic, union or professional association membership card. The registration officer shall require a homeless individual to furnish evidence of his or her use of the mailing address stated. This use may be demonstrated by a piece of mail addressed to that individual and received at that address or by a statement from a person authorizing use of the mailing address. The registration officer shall require each applicant for registration to read or have read to him the affidavit of registration before permitting him to execute the affidavit.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10 ILCS 5/4-10 10 ILCS 5/5-9 10 ILCS 5/6-37</p> <p style="text-align: right;">a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter. 10 ILCS 5/1A-16(a)(3)(ii)</p>
Illinois State ID	A copy of a current bank statement.	
Social Security card	A copy of a current paycheck.	
Public Aid (SNAP) Identification card.	A copy of a current government check.	
Employee or Student Identification card.	Other federal, State, or local government document that shows the person's name and address.	
Credit Card.	A Lease or a Contract for a residence.	
A civic, union or professional association membership card.	Credit Card.	
Other Documentation:		
The state allows Election Judges some leeway in what documentation is acceptable. While we cannot list every ID that has ever been accepted in Illinois, we can provide a list of IDs that have commonly been accepted:		
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A valid and current US passport.	Bank statements or utility bills online, that shows the current address.	
A valid and current US passport card.	An envelope addressed to the person registering to vote postmarked within the last thirty (30) days, government correspondence is preferred. If challenged, only one envelope can be used to establish current address.	
The Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card	A current property tax statement.	
Identification that meets Real ID requirements.		
US Military ID	A government issued letter addressed to the registrant.	
The The Firearm Owner's Identification (FOID) card.	Current driver's insurance card where Election Day is within the insurance period.	
Note: FOID has a ten (10) year renewal; unless issued recently the card is unacceptable to prove current residency. A business form addressed to the registrant with a preprinted address.		

Documentation Needed to Register to Vote Homeless or Unhoused Voters

A homeless or unhoused person has the same requirements for providing identification as any other person registering to vote in regard to identification proving identity (examples: Driver's License, State ID, Social Security card, etc.).

BUT instead of showing proof of a current address, the homeless or unhoused person must provide proof of a mailing address.

This proof of a mailing address can consist of but is not limited to:

- a. Mail or a postmarked envelope sent to the person at the address.
- b. A form or correspondence (government correspondence is always a good choice) with the person's mailing address printed on it.
- c. Permission by the owner or representative of the mailing address allowing use of the address.

(b.) A homeless individual must have a mailing address in order to be eligible to register to vote. For purposes of this Act, a mailing address shall constitute a homeless individual's residence for voting purposes. A mailing address of a homeless individual may include, but is not limited to, a shelter, a day shelter, or a private residence...

(c.) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to confer upon homeless individuals any additional privileges or benefits other than the right to register to vote and to be qualified to vote in an election under Articles 4, 5, and 6 of this Code.

10 ILCS 5/3-2(b)